

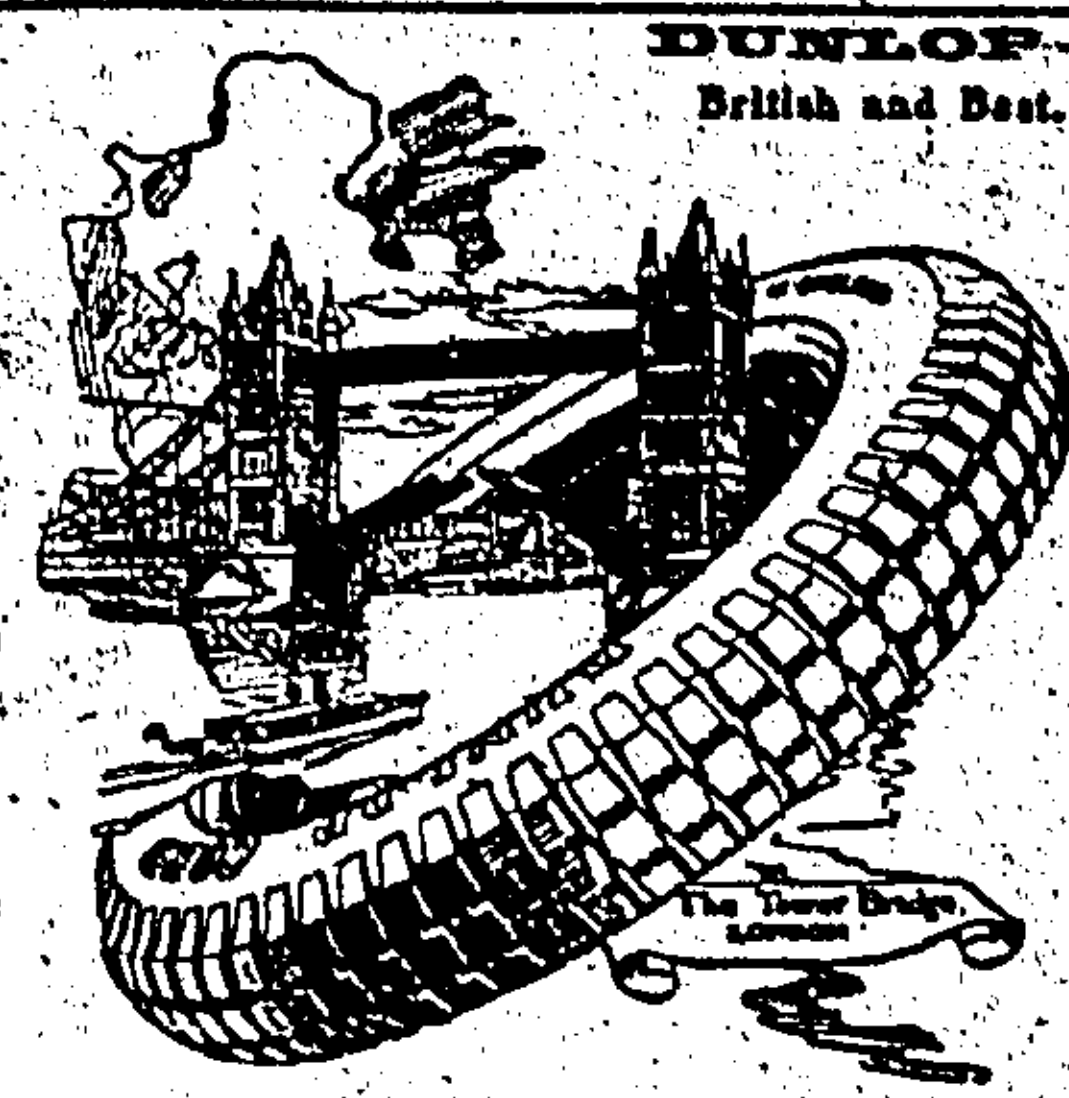
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KENNEDY TOWN FIRE TRAGEDY.

THREE KILLED AND TWO SERIOUSLY HURT.

WOMAN JUMPS 40 FEET WITH CHILD IN ARMS.

GRIM DRAMA ENACTED.

A grim drama was enacted in Kennedy Town in the early hours of this morning when fire swept through No. 12, Smithfield, a four-storey building, demolishing the staircase and trapping a family of five at the top. As the blaze grew in intensity, the terror-stricken family was forced to take refuge in the kitchen at the back of the premises, and finally, before the arrival of the Brigade, to jump for their lives.

Three were killed and two seriously injured, the official list being as follows:

KILLED.

Ah Sze, a married woman.
Her twelve-year-old son.
Ah Mui, a 12-year-old girl.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Tsui Sze-cheung, a boy of 15.
Ah Hun, a girl of 14.

Warning of the blaze was not given to the Fire Brigade in time to avert the tragedy.

When the first appliance arrived, the mother and her child were already dead, the woman having jumped from a height of forty feet into the backyard, clutching her baby to her breast. The fifteen-year-old boy was still conscious and was trying to crawl away.

The girl now dead was still in the blazing building, hanging from the kitchen window, apparently too terrified to release her hold. Firemen rushed to obtain a jumping sheet but before this could be prepared, her grip failed and the girl fell to the ground, sustaining serious injuries, which resulted in her death in hospital later.

The fire swept through the building with amazing rapidity, but the residents of the lower floors reached safety. The family at the top apparently did not receive sufficient warning.

FAMILY TRAPPED IN TOP STOREY.

The fire broke out in one of several blocks of four-storey buildings situated at Smithfield, in Kennedy Town, the lower parts of which are used as shops and the upper storeys as tenements. It originated on the ground floor of No. 12, in the front section of a joss-paper shop, and, as a strong wind was blowing at the time the flames soon penetrated to the rear of the premises and then spread upwards.

Receiving the call at about 1.35 a.m., the Fire Brigade were quickly on the spot, with all its equipment excepting one appliance held in reserve at Wanchai. The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Inspector General of Police, as Chief Officer of the Brigade was in charge, with the operations under the control of Superintendent H. T. Brooks.

It was obvious when the Brigade arrived that not only were the premises doomed in which the fire broke out, but that fatalities had occurred through occupants of the tenement on the top floor jumping from the burning building.

Two Found Dead.

Attention was immediately directed to the body of a woman who was found lying in the back yard with an infant boy in her arms, also dead. It was apparent that the mother, finding herself trapped in the kitchen, had taken the child and jumped from the window. Both must have been instantly killed.

A girl, aged about twelve years, a daughter of the dead woman, was seen hanging precariously on to the kitchen window, which was about a foot wide and four feet high. The firemen immediately realised that the only means of saving her would be to induce her to leap into a jumping-sheet.

Too Late.

They accordingly rushed to get the sheet into position, but within a few seconds, before this could be done, the little girl's grip had loosened and she fell on to the bodies of her mother and little brother. She suffered terrible injuries, and later succumbed in hospital.

Another girl and a boy who had also jumped from the kitchen were badly injured and rushed to hospital, where their condition was later reported to be serious.

The full force of the unfortunate boy's fall must have been broken by his striking the body of one of the other victims, for when the firemen arrived, the lad was still conscious and was attempting to crawl away on his hands and knees. He was picked up by Station Officer Moss, who handed him over to the care of the Police.

It appears that the fire, shortly after breaking out, rapidly spread to the upper floors, demolished the wooden staircase serving these, and also burning out the living rooms on each storey.

Trapped in Kitchen.

Luckily, the people on all the floors excepting the fourth managed to escape, but the occupants of the top storey, with all means of exit cut off, were driven back into the kitchen in the rear of the premises.

They were then left with no other option than to remain in the kitchen and be burned to death, or else to jump into the yard below. This they did, with the disastrous results recorded.

Other Buildings Saved.

Once the injured had been cared for, the Brigade set to work to prevent the flames from spreading to the adjacent blocks of buildings. There was at one time a fear that the premises on either side would become involved, but, thanks to the excellent work of the firemen, these were preserved intact. No. 12, where the fire originated, was, however, completely gutted.

At first, the Brigade were somewhat handicapped by reason of the water supply being cut off from the mains, the restrictive measures being in force from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. For a period of about 25 minutes, therefore, water had to be secured from the harbour, eight deliveries, including those from four motor pumps, being thus maintained.

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FRENCH SECURITY PANACEA.

DEFINITELY REFUSED BY AMERICA.

BRITISH OPPOSITION TO CONSULTATIVE PACT.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED.

London, Mar. 11. The technical experts of Great Britain and France, with American observers, at their meeting this morning analysed the tonnage statement presented to the French case and agreed upon certain figures as a basis for discussion.

These figures were reported to the heads of the delegations concerned, and this evening, Mr. A. V. Alexander, Monsieur Dumesnil, the Chiefs of the British and French Admiralties, and the American observers together with the experts of the three Powers, will meet at the House of Commons to continue discussions on the basis of these figures.

This morning also, M. Briand and Signor Grandi had a conversation which lasted some time.

American Views.

The newspapers state this evening that the American delegation have reached the conclusion that the United States would be unable to accept any consultative pact as a means of facilitating the reduction of the French tonnage figures, the feeling of the delegation being that such a pact would entail more obligations than appear on the face of it and that the United States Senate would not ratify any such proposal.

A protracted meeting took place to-night in the Prime Minister's rooms at the House of Commons.

Considerable Progress.

Later.

At a meeting of the heads of the delegations to-night, considerable progress was made. Mr. Alexander reported verbally on the progress of the First Committee, stating that an agreement in substance had been reached regarding the special and exempt classes of vessels, and that apart from the question of submarines the greater amount of the business referred to the First Committee had now been or would shortly be laid before the heads of delegations who will meet again on Thursday.

No Vestige.

American Conference circles confirm that there is no vestige of possibility that the United States will participate in any form of Mediterranean Locarno to guarantee French security as a *quid pro quo* for a reduction in the French tonnage figures.

Apart from the bargaining character of such an arrangement, it is pointed out, they feel that if the United States signed a consultative pact they might morally be bound to do more than merely consult should France be threatened by war.

British Agree.

The feeling on this point is so strong that the delegation would be prepared to forego a five power treaty altogether rather than enter into such a consultative obligation. It is understood that the British opinion is practically similar to that of the United States in regard to the Mediterranean Locarno proposals.

The ruling out of the consultative pact proposals narrows the task of the Conference down to that of securing a reduction in the French figures.

The First Committee of the Conference (the whole Conference sitting in private) has decided to exclude existing special ships from the global tonnage figures, not finally, but for the period of any Treaty the Conference may produce.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

RATIFICATION BILL IN REICHESTAG.

Berlin, Mar. 11. The Reichstag to-day passed the second reading of the Bill authorising the ratification of the Young Plan. Two hundred and fifty-one voted in favour and 174 against.—*Reuter.*

HAGEN MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT.

BOX OF MATCHES EXPLODES IN HIS HANDS.

SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Sydney, Mar. 11.

Walter Hagen, the world-famous golfer, and the holder of the British open golf championship, was the victim of a nasty accident on the golf links at Sydney to-day, and it is possible that he will be incapacitated for a little while.

Hagen was lighting a cigarette at the seventh hole, during a four-ball match in which he was partnered with Kirkwood against two well-known Australian golfers, Popplewell and Spence.

The box of matches exploded when Hagen struck one, and Hagen's thumb was very seriously burned.

Hagen suffered intense pain, but he insisted on continuing the match in spite of the fact that his hand was swathed in bandages.

Spence and Popplewell, who were leading by four holes when

BRITISH FORCES IN SHANGHAI.

No Intention of Reducing at Present.

FUTURE NOT DISCLOSED.

London, Mar. 11.

During question-time in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Tom Shaw, Secretary for War, replied to a query regarding the British forces in Shanghai.

He stated that at present there was no intention of reducing the forces there, but he was unable to speak for the future.—*Reuter.*

the accident occurred, eventually won by five and three. A purse of £250 was at stake.

Hagen has since been attended by doctors, who insist that at the very least he should cancel his next match.—*Reuter.*

AIR A.D.C. TO THE KING.

SIR EDWARD ELLINGTON APPOINTED.

London, Mar. 11.

The Air Ministry announces the appointment of Air Marshal Sir Edward Ellington as Principal Air Aide-de Camp to the King in place of Air Chief Marshal Sir John Salmond.—*British Wireless.*

[The new A.D.C. has been Officer Commanding the Air Defence of Great Britain since last year. He previously commanded the Air Forces in the Middle East, India and Iraq. He was mentioned in despatches twice during the Great War, received the C.M.G. decoration and was made an officer of the Legion of Honour. He was knighted in 1920.]

MOSCOW AND THE COMINTERN.

CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF GERMAN ACTION.

Moscow, Mar. 11.

The Tass Agency, the official organ of the Soviet Government, categorically denies the newspaper reports that the German Foreign Minister has made it clear to the Soviet Ambassador in Berlin that the German Government in future, will make no distinction between

TO-DAY'S WANTS.

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the utterances and actions of the Third Internationale and those of the Soviet Government. The report appeared originally in the Berlin Socialist newspaper, *Vorwaerts*.—*Reuter.*

ELECTRIC CO. AND CHINA LIGHT.

AMALGAMATION URGED AT MEETING.

OFFER WHICH COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED.

"TERRIBLE CALAMITY."

Emphasis was placed on the advisability of the amalgamation of the Hongkong Electric Co. and the China Light and Power Co., at the annual meeting of the former Company, held this morning, when the Chairman (Mr. Gordon Mackie) and Mr. G. H. Potts expressed their conviction that such an amalgamation would be to the benefit of both shareholders and consumers. They regretted that up to the present it had been found impossible to work on a basis agreeable to both parties, Mr. Potts describing it as a "terrible calamity" that an amalgamation had not been effected.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts for year ended December 31st, 1929, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and with your permission we will take them as read.

The net profit after providing for depreciation is \$1,730,764.43 and with the sum of \$97,131.69 brought forward from last account we have \$1,827,896.12 for appropriation and with this we propose to pay a dividend of \$2.50 per share, absorbing \$1,125,000; to place to reserve, \$600,000; to carry forward to next account, \$120,896.12.

The amount of the dividend is \$187,500 more than last year as the bonus shares of 1929 now rank equally with the older shares. I hope you will consider this increased return satisfactory.

Increased Profits.

The profit on working exceeded that for 1928 by \$66,263 in spite of the fact that a considerable reduction was made in our charges for power throughout the year.

We have set aside an additional \$68,044, making a total of \$548,608, for depreciation which leaves us with a net profit \$26,901 in excess of that for the previous year.

The output for 1929 was thirty-two million units and the number of consumers has increased by 795 to over 30,500. To some extent the returns for 1929 were adversely affected by the bright and sunny spring and the exceptionally cool summer; but there are signs that we are still maintaining a steady and satisfactory rate of increased output.

You will notice that cash at hand, on current account and fixed deposit, was \$587,619 as against \$114,590 at the end of 1928. Nothing else in the accounts calls, I think, for special mention.

Capital Outlay.

The capital expenditure on new works during the year was \$913,441, the principal items being plant and mains. The new 10,000 kilowatt turbo-generator, of which I made mention last year was completed and placed in commission in December and forms a useful addition to our plant which has now a capacity of 28,000 kilowatts. We have laid during the year some eleven miles of additional high and low tension cables and have changed over the remaining twenty-six 2,000 volt feeder pillars so that the whole of the transmission is now carried out at 6,000 volts, 3 phase. The change-over from the old 2,000-volt, single phase system which was commenced eleven years ago has therefore now been completed.

Our plant has been maintained in good order during the year and we have been free of industrial troubles. During the typhoon which visited the Colony on August 22nd a wind velocity of 117 miles per hour was registered at North Point but I am glad to say that no appreciable damage was done to any of our plant or property.

The ten houses built on the Wanchai property have been let at a satisfactory rental since May.

Amalgamation Question.

Early last year I discussed with the Chairman of the China Light and Power Co. the possibility of

DEFEAT OF LABOUR GOVERNMENT.

RESIGNATION REFUSED BY PRIME MINISTER.

CHALLENGES OPPOSITION TO A GENERAL CENSURE.

COAL BILL AMENDMENT.

Britain is on the verge of a political crisis. The Government sustained its first defeat in the House of Commons last night, on a division on a Conservative amendment to Clause Two of the Coal Mines Bill.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, responding to frantic shouts of "Resign!" by the Opposition, declined to view the amendment as an essential change.

Nevertheless, he threw out a challenge to the Conservative and Liberal leaders, pointing out that Mr. Stanley Baldwin proposed to move a vote of censure to-morrow, based on Mr. Snowden's refusal to disclose his intentions with regard to the McKenna Duties. He informed Mr. Baldwin that he would be very glad to accommodate the Conservative leader should he make his vote of censure general.

The Government would then accept the decision of the House of Commons.

There was considerable excitement in the House, which was dealing with the Coal Bill in committee. A Liberal amendment, having much the same objective was defeated by a margin of 30 votes.

This proved, however, to be merely a respite. On the submission of the next amendment, the Government found themselves in a minority of eight, 284 voting for the amendment and 272 against.

All the Liberal members voted against the Government.

LABOUR LOSE BY NINE VOTES.

London, Mar. 11.

The Government are dealing with the critical stage of the Coal Mines Bill in the House of Commons this evening.

On four, and possibly on five, amendments to Clause Two of the Bill, which contains the provisions for the setting up of a central scheme for the regulation of the production, supply and sale of coal by the owners, the Government are likely to be faced with the combined strength of both sections of the Opposition, and it is not expected that Mr. Lloyd George will on this occasion be upset by a rebellion among his own ranks.

Amendment Defeated.

Later.

The Government survived the first amendment to the Clause. It was moved on behalf of the Liberals by Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., the Member for Montgomery, and its object was to ensure that the quota provisions should not apply to coal or coke for export.

The amendment was rejected by 272 to 242, the announcement of the result of the division being greeted by loud Labour cheers.

Merely a Respite.

The exact proposal was that the export of coal should be freed from all restrictions of output.

It was generally expected that the Government would be defeated on this point.

The Conservative amendment dealing with the central levy and an amendment, backed by the Liberals who abstained from voting last week, opposing the sale of export coal more cheaply than the same coal for bunkering in England, are still to be discussed. The defeat of the Government, therefore, is still a very distinct possibility.

Government Defeated.

Later.

As anticipated, the Government has been defeated on an important clause in the Coal Bill.

On the Conservative amendment opposing the levy of output in order to facilitate the export of

coal, the division resulted as follows:

For the Government ..	274
Against	282
Government minority ..	8

Resignation Demanded.

The announcement of the figures was greeted with a storm of cheering from the Opposition Benches, the Conservatives being especially jubilant, frantically waving their Order Papers and shouting: "Resign!"

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Conservative leader, invited Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to state the Government's position as the result of the defeat.

Premier's Challenge.

The Prime Minister said that he did not regard the amendment as an essential change in the Bill. He asked the Committee to proceed with the Bill.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald added that Mr. Baldwin would have an opportunity two days hence to move a vote of censure on the Government.

He would be very glad to accommodate Mr. Baldwin if the Conservative leader chose to make his vote of censure general.

If the vote was against the Government, he would accept the decision.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Vote of Censure.

The Prime Minister's declaration at the close of his reply amounts to a challenge, throwing the onus on the opposition. Mr. Baldwin was to have moved a vote of censure to-day, based on the refusal of the Government to disclose their intentions with regard to the maintenance of the McKenna import duties.

Mr. Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was not expected to change his attitude, but it was accepted that the Government could rely on Liberal support.

The vote has apparently been postponed till to-morrow. If the challenge is accepted by making the censure general, the Liberals will be free, if they choose, to join in defeating the Government.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has weakened and is central near Tokyo. A depression is central to the N.E. of Formosa. Fresh north winds along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea. The local forecast: North winds, fresh; fair.

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COLONY'S COLLEGES.

RELUCTANCE TO CALL A SCHOOL A SCHOOL.

According to Mr. G. P. de Martin, speaking at the annual prize distribution of the Kowloon Branch of the Wah Yan College yesterday, there was a great reluctance in Hongkong to call a school a school. There were, he said, as many "colleges" in the Colony as there were at Oxford and some of them were very bad, so if the Wah Yan authorities called their institution a school, they would be in very good company.

The occasion was the first independent prize giving function since the school opened a branch in Nelson Street, Mongkok, in 1928. Mrs. G. P. de Martin performed the ceremony of giving away the awards and was afterwards the recipient of a bouquet of flowers.

Presenting the report of the school, Mr. Chow Cheng-jam, the headmaster said in part:

First Independent Report.

This is the first Independent Annual Report on the Wah Yan College (Kowloon Branch). In former years, our prize distribution was held together with that of the Mother School. During the year 1929, the highest number on roll was 292 and the average attendance 252 or 94%, which speaks for the health of the School. The number of meetings for the year was 372.

Health.

The School is inspected annually by Government Medical Officers. An excellent arrangement exists between the School and Dr. Y. Y. Tang of the Kwong Wah Hospital, whereby any pupil requiring medical attention is given a note and sent forthwith for examination and treatment. To these cases, treatment is free and the system is not only effecting a marked improvement in the general health of the School, but is quickly destroying the prejudice against the qualified medical man. I wish to thank Dr. Tang for giving us so much of his valuable time and in consenting to be our Honorary Physician.

Examinations.

In November last, we presented, for the first time, nine candidates for the Junior Local Examination and nine passed, with one boy securing distinction in Arithmetic. Five of them are now in the Matriculation class of the Mother School; one is studying at the Customs College, Shanghai, and the remaining three are working in Government offices in Hongkong.

A Clumsy Name.

Addressing the gathering, prior to the prizes being distributed, Mr. G. P. de Martin said that his first duty was to thank the school authorities, on behalf of the visitors, for the welcome they had received and secondly to thank Mr. Chow for inviting Mrs. de Martin to give away the prizes which he was sure she was very pleased to do.

Continuing, the speaker said that they had listened to Mr. Chow's report and he was going to say one or two things about it. He saw at the top of the page that they had got "Wah Yan College, Kowloon Branch." He thought that that was rather a clumsy name for a school.

The speaker then demonstrated what he meant by reciting a short conversation between a pupil and his father who enquired after his son's progress at school, the constant repetition of the full name of the school being emphasised.

"Now," said the speaker, "there's a very great reluctance in Hongkong to call a school a school and I would suggest to Mr. Chow to call this Wah Yan School. There are as many colleges in Hongkong as there are in Oxford and some of them here are very bad, so if

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PUBLIC HEALTH.

TEN SMALL-POX CASES LAST WEEK.

The weekly health return of the Medical Officer shows that nineteen cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the seven days ended Saturday last. Ten of these were small-pox, three typhoid, three diphtheria, two cerebro-spinal fever and one puerperal fever.

There were ten deaths from small-pox, two each from typhoid and diphtheria and one from cerebro-spinal fever.

Fifty-five deaths were reported from tuberculosis and six from malaria.

Yesterday's return contained four further cases of small-pox and one of typhoid.

you call this a school you will be in very good company."

Referring to the comments of the Inspector of Schools on the subjects of mathematics, book-keeping and grammar, the speaker expressed the hope that other English subjects, such as history, composition, etc., would also figure prominently in the future.

Some Sound Advice.

There was another thing which he liked in the report and that was that those boys who had passed the junior were now working at the parent school. He was glad to see that the Kowloon Branch was not opening a senior class before they were able to do so. He said that they had two schools and would perhaps try to run two senior classes. The Government had six schools and 3,000 boys, but only two senior classes and he hoped that the Wah Yan authorities would not be in too much of a hurry.

Mr. de Martin said that he knew schools liked to send boys in for the local examinations but the examinations were good servants but bad masters and he hoped that they would consider the rest of the school before a senior class, which they already had in the parent school.

The reason he had mentioned that was because there were a lot of schools in Hongkong which were sending in from two to seven boys for the examinations. Now that was no use at all. It seemed that the reason was one of two things. It was either that one or two good masters were spending all their time on the work of a few boys or it meant that a few boys were selected out of the class for the examinations.

That was not what examinations were meant for, continued Mr. de Martin. Examinations were intended for all the boys in the class, and unless they had a big class they should not endeavour to have a senior division. It was better to have twenty boys and for them all to fail than to send in only two and both pass and then have a brass band to celebrate it afterwards.

In conclusion, Mr. de Martin said that the function was the school's first independent prize giving and it was like a birthday. On behalf of the visitors the speaker wished the school many happy returns of the day.

The speaker then complimented the staff on their work.

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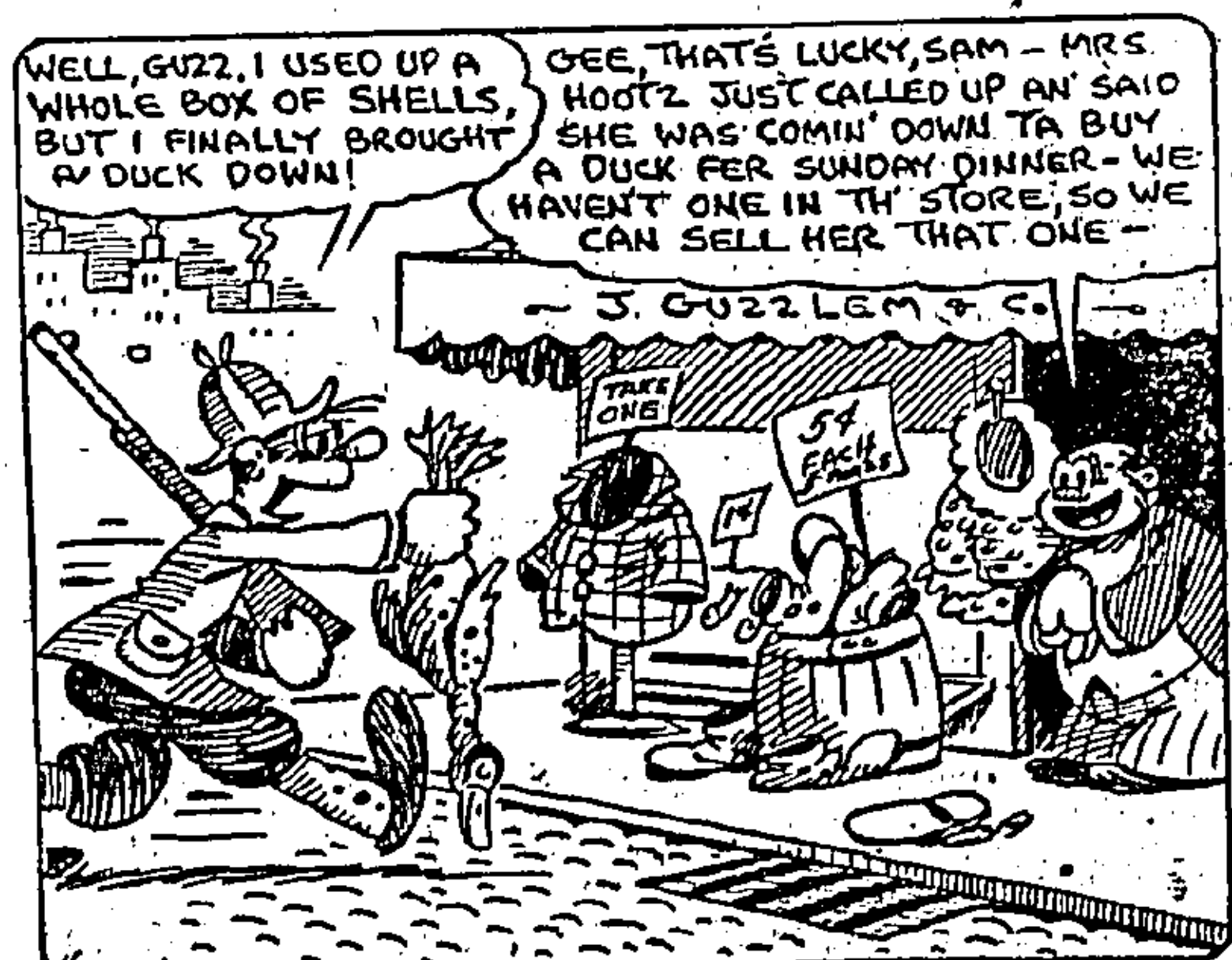
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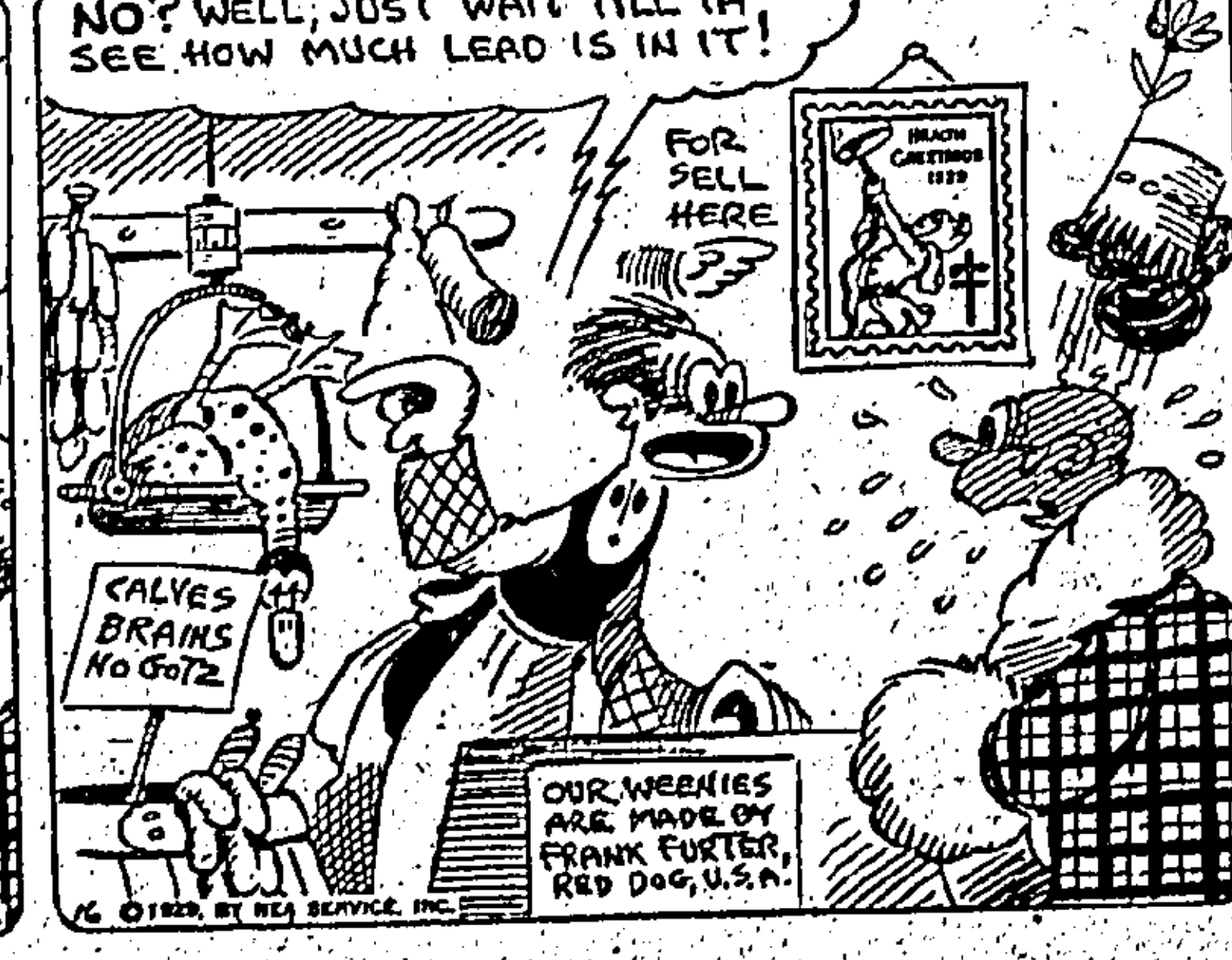


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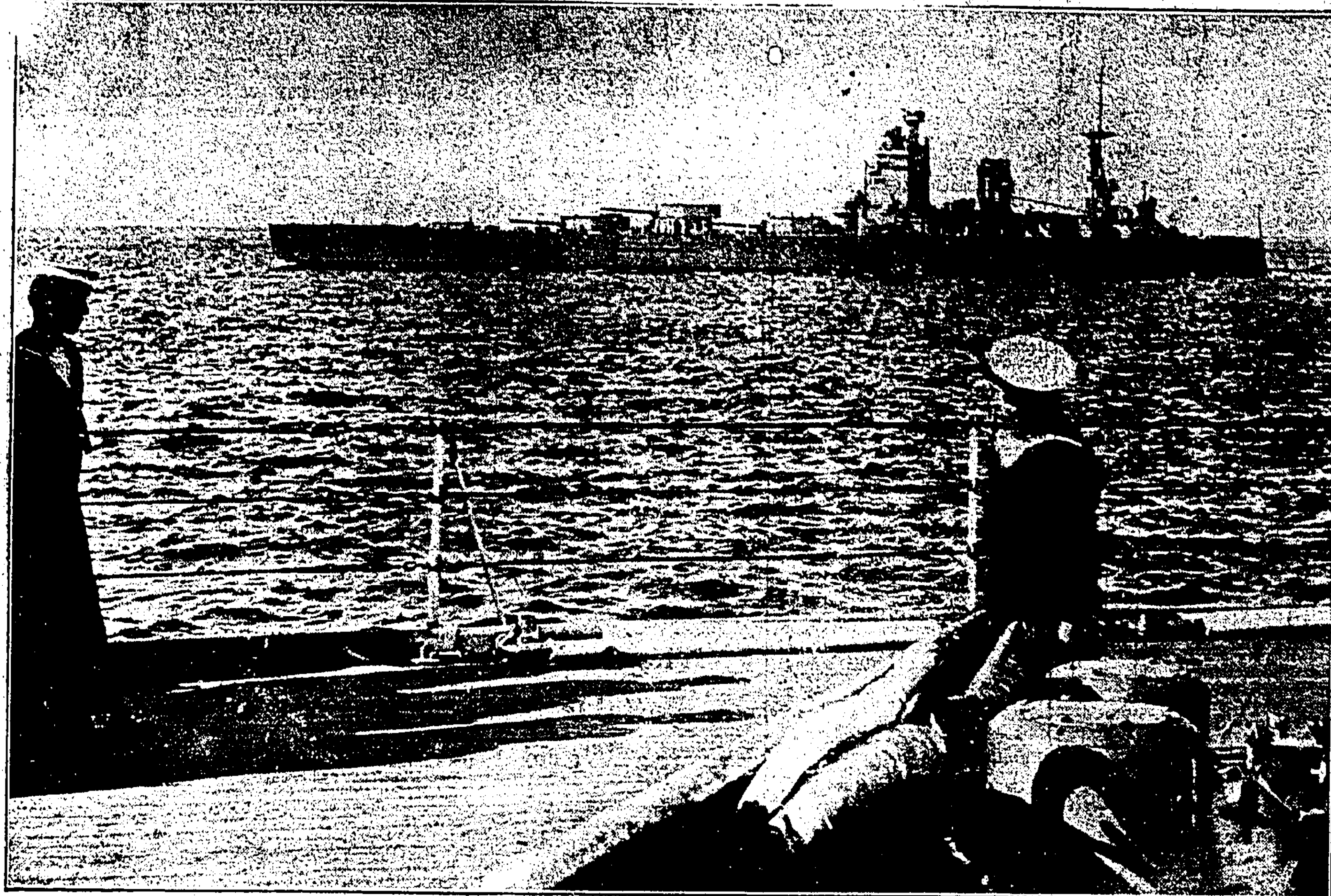
SALESMAN SAM



A Heavy Weight



By Small



One of the proposals in the American memorandum expressing the delegates' view on the discussion which have taken place at the Naval Conference, but not included in the published summary, was that the United States should have the right to build a battleship of the Rodney type if she consents to scrap four instead of three of her older and smaller ships. Our picture shows the Rodney—a 33,000 ton vessel with nine 16in. guns. (Times copyright).



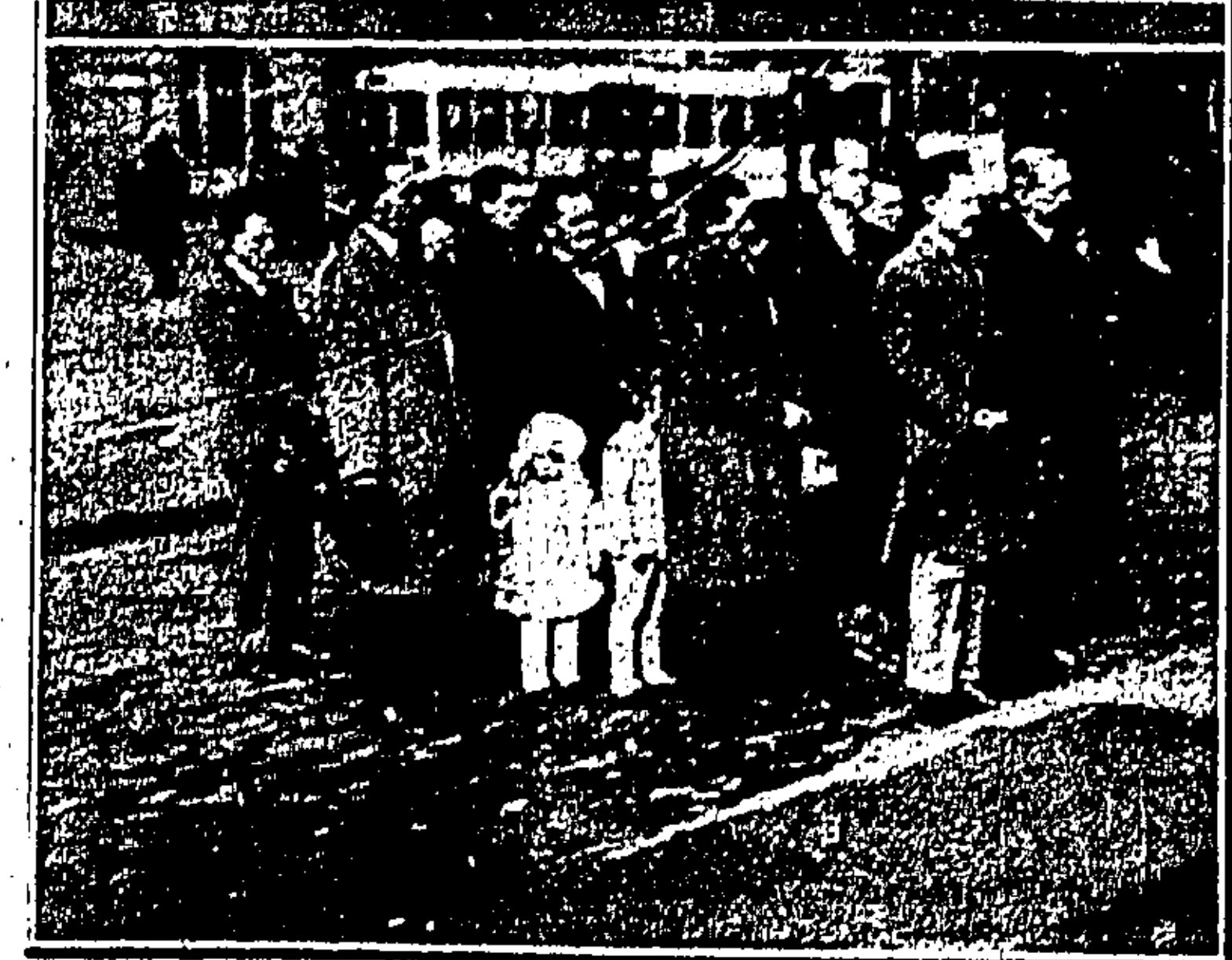
Gib, the winner of the Troytown Steeplechase at Lingfield Park, clearing the last jump. This was his eighth consecutive win. The other horse is Gregalach, winner of the last Grand National which was second. (Times copyright).



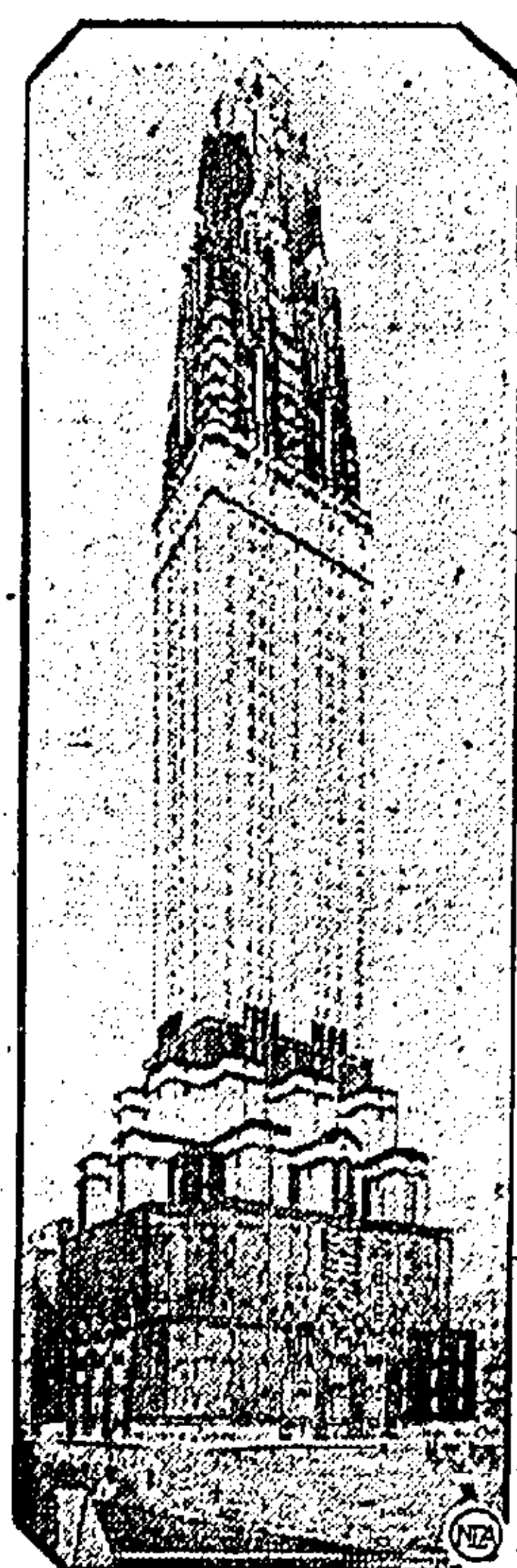
Two entries in the recent show organized by the Aviation League and Club of Great Britain.



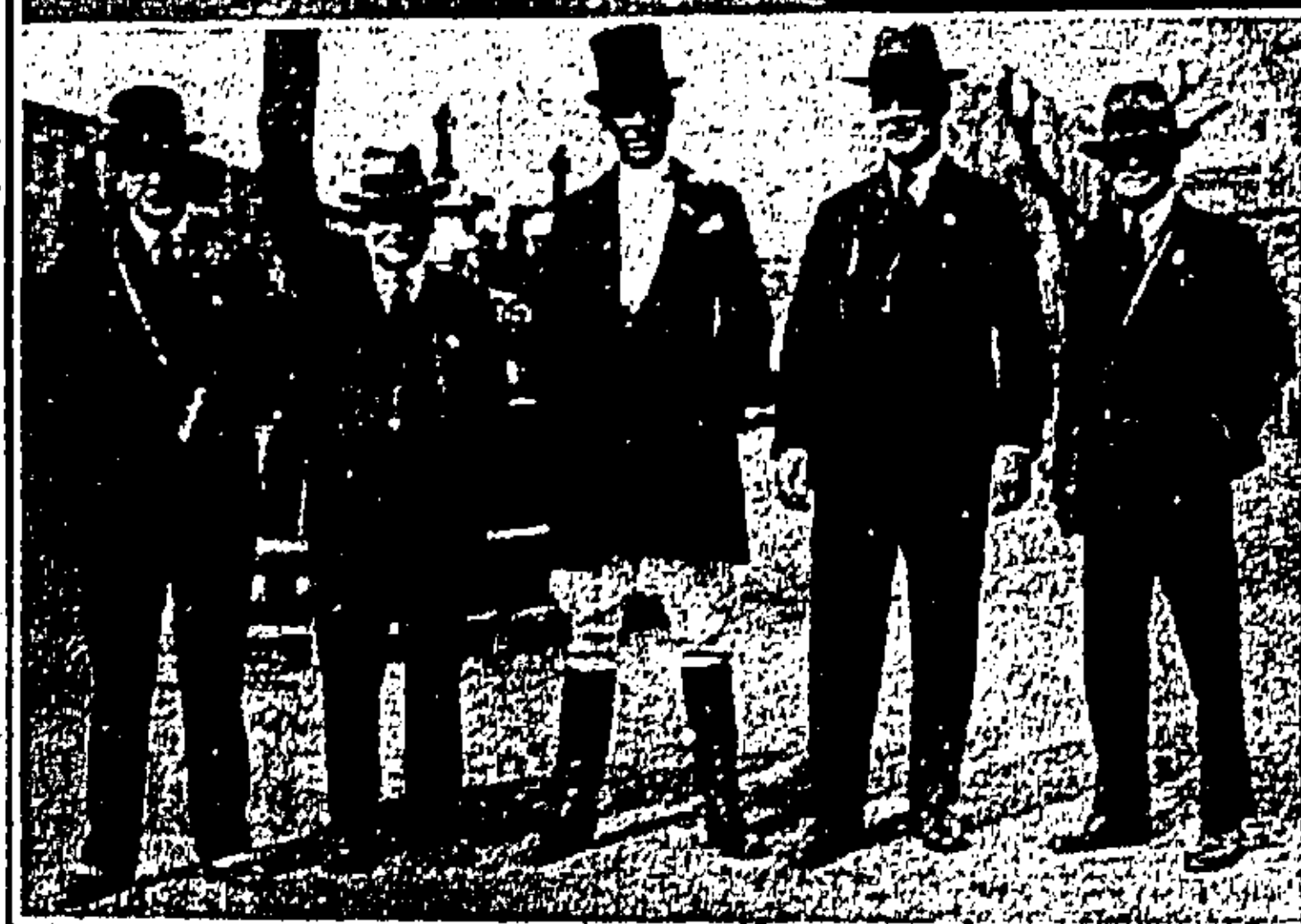
Our picture represents an effective study of the fine adult tiger which was presented to the London Zoological Gardens last October by Mr. St. Alban Smith of Malaya. It came with a history of having killed a native. (Times copyright).



On St. David's Day, Shanghai Welshmen attended the War Memorial and placed a wreath in memory of their compatriots who fell in the Great War.



This 60-storey building, to be erected soon in New York, will be of light blue polished bricks, with gold, green and purple trimmings, and a golden image of a young lady symbolizing Style will be set in a niche at the top.



Top photograph shown Holz-Vogel with W. L. McCann, up, being lead into the paddock after winning the Club Challenge Cup, classic event of the annual race meeting of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club. Centre: Nearing the finish in the Jorooks Cup. Some of the club officials are shown below. In the centre can be seen Mr. N. L. Sparks, the Master, who won the Beef Stakes on 'Sadko'.



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The Annual General Meeting of Members will be held at the Club on Friday, the 14th day of March, at 6 p.m., for the purpose of considering and passing the Annual Reports and Statements of Accounts for 1929 and of transacting all other competent business.

JAMES STEWART,
Hon. Secretary.

NOTICE.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

In order that a complete list may be maintained for record purposes, all those Ladies and Gentlemen resident in Hong Kong, other than those now serving in His Majesty's Forces, who have had any decoration conferred upon them by His Majesty the King, please inform the Chief Clerk, Colonial Secretary's Office, if this has not already been done, within 14 days from 7th March, 1930.

HONG KONG CLUB.

The Second Yearly Drawing of 20 Debentures (1928 issued—\$500 each) of the Hong Kong Club, Payable on Tuesday, the 30th September, 1930, will be held in Club House at 11 o'clock, a.m., on Thursday, the 20th March, 1930. Bearer of Debentures are invited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut.-Col.
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1930.

THE BANK OF CANTON LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 26th March, 1930, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 10th March, 1930, to the 26th March, 1930, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1929, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 17th March, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 6th March, 1930.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on SATURDAY, the 15th day of March, 1930, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th March, to the 15th March, 1930, Both days inclusive.

Dated this 17th day of

February, 1930.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. MCKENZIE,
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Company's Board Room 2nd Floor, Alexandra Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended DECEMBER 31st, 1929; electing Directors and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 1930, until WEDNESDAY, 19th MARCH, 1930. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1930.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 22nd March, 1930, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 14th March, 1930.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the 41st Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 8th March, 1930, to Wednesday, 19th March, 1930 both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 20th February, 1930.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, on Friday the 14th March, 1930, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1929, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th to the 14th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. Thomson,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 25th February, 1930.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
The Sixty-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 26th March 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1930.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 13th March, 1930, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 3rd March, 1930, to Thursday, the 13th March, 1930, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th February, 1930.

G. B. R. NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of March, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Part Price
1	230	Kowloon Island	As per plan.	3908	\$84	\$7335

G. B. R. NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 17th day of March, 1930, at Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1928, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that on March 8th, 1930, my Surgery will be removed from 34, Queen's Road, central, to the 6th floor, Pedder Building.

T. YAMASAKI,
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FANLING HUNT & RACE CLUB.

STEEPLECHASES.

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Wild No. F. T.
21927 Walking with Susie. F. T.
What You Baby. F. T.
21969 I'll be The Cat in the Hat. F. T.
I'm a Little Love. S. F. T.
22054 Lovable and Sweet. F. T.
My Dream is for You. F. T.
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"	3798	100	81835/81909
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For The HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, 19th February, 1930.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Date and Time
Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London 13th Feb. and parcels 6th Feb.)	March 13.
U.S.A. (Seattle 22nd Feb.) Canada, Japan and Shanghai	March 14.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 22nd Feb.)	March 14.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 21st February)	March 14.
Straits	March 16.
Manila	March 16.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 22nd Feb.)	March 17.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	March 20.
Australia and Manila	March 20.
Japan and Shanghai	March 21.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 21st Feb.)	March 22.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	March 22.
U.S.A. (San Francisco 28th Feb.)	March 24.
U.S.A. (Seattle 8th March), Canada, Japan and Shanghai	March 28.
U.S.A. (Victoria B.C. 8th March)	March 30.
Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	April 5.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Date and Time
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming Wed. Mar. 12, 4 p.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru Thurs. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Chengtu Thurs. Mar. 13, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Van Heutz Thurs. Mar. 13, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Sun Kong Wednes. Mar. 13, 11 a.m.
Saigon	Helikon Thurs. Mar. 13, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydranga Thurs. Mar. 13, 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuen Wednes. Mar. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Canton Sat. Mar. 14, 1.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Hai Ning Fri. Mar. 14, 2 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia" Fri. Mar. 14, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan Sat. Mar. 15.
Parcels	Mar. 14-4.30 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 15, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
G.P.O.	
Parcels	Mar. 14, 5 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 15, 9.45 a.m.
Letters	10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 12th April)	
Formosa and Wei Hai Wei	Huichow Sat. Mar. 15, 9.45 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Taft Sat. Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Anking Sat. Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Dalny	Luchow Sat. Mar. 15.
Registration	5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kalgan Sun. Mar. 16, 9 a.m.
Hoihow	King Yuen Sun. Mar. 16, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Mar. Sun. Mar. 16, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashima Mar. Mon. Mar. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang Mon. Mar. 17, 1.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "Europe via Victoria B.C."	Pres. Jackson Mon. Mar. 17.
Parcels	3 p.m.
Registration	4.15 p.m.
Letters	5 p.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 4th April)	
Shanghai and "Europe via Siberia"	Pres. Jackson Mon. Mar. 17.
Registration	5 p.m.
Letters	6 p.m.

*Superscribed Correspondence only.

KOWLOON AFFAIRS.

THE SALUTING BATTERY AND PLAYGROUND.

The first monthly meeting of the newly-elected General Committee of the Kowloon Residents Association was held in St. Andrews Church Hall, on Monday, the principal business being the appointment of various sub-committees for the coming year's work.

Members present were the Rev. J. H. Johnston (President), Mr. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. E. Cock, M.B.E., B. W. Tape, T. T. Laurensen, D.S.C., B. Wylie, F. W. Stapleton, R. Pestonji, W. J. Brown, C. B. Biggs, E. C. Tregillus, W. Goldenberg, Li Jow Son, F. J. Easterbrook, M.C., F. H. Crapnell, the Rev. W. W. Rogers and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.

The Chairman welcomed the Matthews as a newcomer to the Committee, and, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the following sub-committees were appointed:—Children's Playgrounds—Messrs. W. J. Brown, J. M. Alves and B. W. Tape.

Star Ferry Approach—Messrs. F. J. Easterbrook, B. Wylie and E. Cock.

Band Concerts—Messrs. J. M. Alves, E. Abraham, F. C. Mow Fung, E. C. Tregillus, E. Cock, and Lt. Col. Matthews.

Sanitation—Messrs. F. J. Easterbrook, R. Pestonji and F. W. Stapleton.

Representative on S.P.C.A.—Mr. E. C. Tregillus.

Any communications or suggestions on these subjects from members or others will be welcomed, and may be addressed to any of the gentlemen mentioned above or to the Honorary Secretary.

Signal Hill.

A letter from the Association drawing the attention of Government to the fact that the regulations for the control of the Yau-ma-tei Typhoon Refuge promenade are not being observed and other correspondence having been approved by the meeting, the subject of salutes from Signal Hill was discussed at length. In view of the many complaints on this subject, and the actual damage to property and health occasioned, it was decided to request that the battery be removed.

Middle Road Playground.

The Hon. Secretary stated that no reply had been received from Government to the Association's suggestions for the playground, and as the work appeared to have come to a standstill it was unanimously agreed to write to the authorities stressing the urgent need for this playground and to request information as to Government's plans for the lay-out.

There being no further business, the meeting closed; members are reminded that subscriptions for 1930 are now due, and should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, c/o Messrs. E. C. Tregillus & Abraham, Exchange Building, Hong Kong. Forms of application for membership of the Association may be obtained from the Inspector's office at the Star Ferry Wharf, Kowloon.

ELECTRIC CO. AND CHINA LIGHT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

and Power Company the question of an amalgamation between that Company and ours and subsequently your Directors made the China Light and Power Company an offer to amalgamate on the basis of an exchange of shares. They were unable to accept our proposal but made a counter-offer which we felt it would be impossible to recommend to the shareholders of this Company.

I am convinced that an amalgamation of the two undertakings would be to the benefit of both shareholders and consumers and regret that at present it is not possible to find a basis agreeable to both parties.

During the last ten years we have changed both our high tension and low tension voltages and also our frequency. This has involved heavy capital expenditure but has given us a modern and up-to-date system which can be readily extended to meet future demands. I believe that the China Light and Power Company has started to make similar changes in their voltages and frequency and when they have completed this work and have also brought their charging rates down to our level it may be possible to find a basis of amalgamation satisfactory to both companies.

Mr. Marsh's Retirement.

Your Directors consider that 1929 has been a satisfactory year and I take this opportunity of recording their appreciation of the services rendered by the staff and workmen. This is the last occasion on which Mr. Marsh will attend the annual meeting as Manager.

He relinquishes the management as from 19th instant when he proceeds on leave prior to taking up his appointment as Consulting Engineer and London Representative of the Company.

There have been great developments in the undertaking during Mr. Marsh's tenure of office and your Directors and Agents wish to take this opportunity of expressing their great appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Company. It is largely due to his foresight and organization that we have to-day such an up-to-date and well equipped station at North Point.

During Mr. Marsh's period of service the capacity of our plant has increased from 5,000 K.W. to 28,000 K.W. and the gross profit from about seven lakhs to nearly two and a half million dollars. These figures, gentlemen, I think, speak for themselves.

Mr. Marsh's Successor.

I am glad that Mr. Marsh's departure from the Colony does not mean the severance of his connection with the Company and feel sure that his successor, Mr. Butcher, will appreciate the fact that he can at all times rely on the benefit of his knowledge and advice.

I wish Mr. Marsh a pleasant holiday and all success in his new appointment.

I now propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

Mr. Potts' Speech.

In seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr. G. H. Potts said:—Mr. Chairman,—Before seconding the adoption of the report and accounts I

would like to thank you and your co-directors for the very satisfactory results of last year's working which, in spite of the reduction made in the charges in power, shows an increased profit on the previous year. I fully endorse all you have said about Mr. Marsh and although we are relinquishing his services in Hongkong I am glad we are still retaining him in London as consulting engineer so that his advice will always be available to the Company.

As regards the amalgamation between the two Companies I think it is a terrible calamity that this was not brought about. I think a basis of amalgamation can be arrived at although we may have to call in Chartered Accountants to get valuation of both Companies. I cannot impress upon you too strongly from the shareholders' point of view the great savings that would result in our overhead expenses and the saving in production and cost. With these few remarks, gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adopting of the report and accounts as presented.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

Other Business.

Mr. T. N. Chau proposed, and Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded, the re-election of Mr. G. S. Mackie and Sir Robert Ho Tung, to the Board of Directors and on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. Leung Yan-po, Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected as auditors of the Company.

Mr. J. H. Taggart said that if he was in order he would like to put forward a suggestion. He was sure the whole of the shareholders fully endorsed the Chairman's eulogistic remarks regarding Mr. Marsh, their retiring Manager, but he would like to suggest that the Directors show their appreciation of his services to the Company in a more tangible form.

FAINTS IN PLANE.

WOMAN ESTABLISHES NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

New York, Mar. 11.

It is reported, from Roosevelt Field that Miss Elinor Smith, who is only eighteen years of age, claims a new world altitude record for women fliers by beating the previous record of 24,600 feet, established by the late Miss Marvel Crosson, by 7,400 feet.

Miss Smith's supercharger froze when she was at a height of 32,000 feet and while attempting to adjust the engine she fainted and found, when she recovered, that she had dropped to 27,000 feet and the machine was gliding gently to earth.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. J. T. Bagram seconded, and the Chairman said that the matter was already receiving the consideration of the Board of Directors.

Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. B. D. F. Beith and Mr. J. P. Warren, (Directors), Mr. F. R. Marsh (Manager) and Mr. J. D. Butcher (Deputy Manager). Shareholders were represented by Messrs. Tong Kim-kwong, T. N. Chau, F. L. Brown, J. H. Taggart, W. J. Stokes, Paul Lauder (representing Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.), V. D. Sorby, C. B. Riggs, Tong Hing-ping, P. E. Barker, J. T. Bagram, Leung Fatin, Fung Kong-un, Leung Yan-po, L. E. Ozorio, O. F. Ribeiro, Ip Fook, W. F. Simmonds, G. H. Potts, Wong Ping-sun, Chua Seng-choo, Frank Austin (representing A. David & A. J. David), Lo Chung-kue, Chen Quan-ting, To Tso-hing, L. J. Davies, A. J. Edgar, F. M. Ellis, Lo Kai-wing.

NEWCASTLE'S FINE VICTORY.

CLIMB FROM THE FOOT OF THE TABLE.

London, Mar. 11.

In the First Division of the English League, at Burnley to-day, Newcastle United defeated Burnley by three clear goals.

The result of the match between Luton and Clifton Orient yesterday was incorrectly reported. The Orient won by 2-1.—*Reuter.*

The First Division table is appended:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Derby	32	18	5	9	68	57	41
Wednesday	29	17	6	6	74	37	40
Manchester C.	32	18	6	10	73	59	38
Blackburn	33	16	6	12	88	78	36
Leicester	33	16	6	12	68	67	36
Leeds	31	16	2	13	60	45	34
Aston Villa	31	15	4	12	69	63	34
Bolton	33	13	7	13	62	55	33
Huddersfield	31	14	5	12	47	52	33
Liverpool	32	13	7	12	54	61	33
West Ham	32	13	5	14	67	63	31
Middlesbrough	32	14	3	16	67	68	31
Sheffield U.	33	13	4	16	73	73	30
Manchester U.	32	14	5	13	52	65	30
Birmingham	30	11	7	12	47	45	29
Portsmouth	31	10	8	13	52	53	28
Burnley	33	10	8	15	60	78	28
Sunderland	30	10	7	13	48	61	27
Arsenal	30	10	6	14	48	46	26
Everton	33	8	10	15	66	70	26
Newcastle	30	12	2	16	67	74	26
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RATIFICATION BILL.

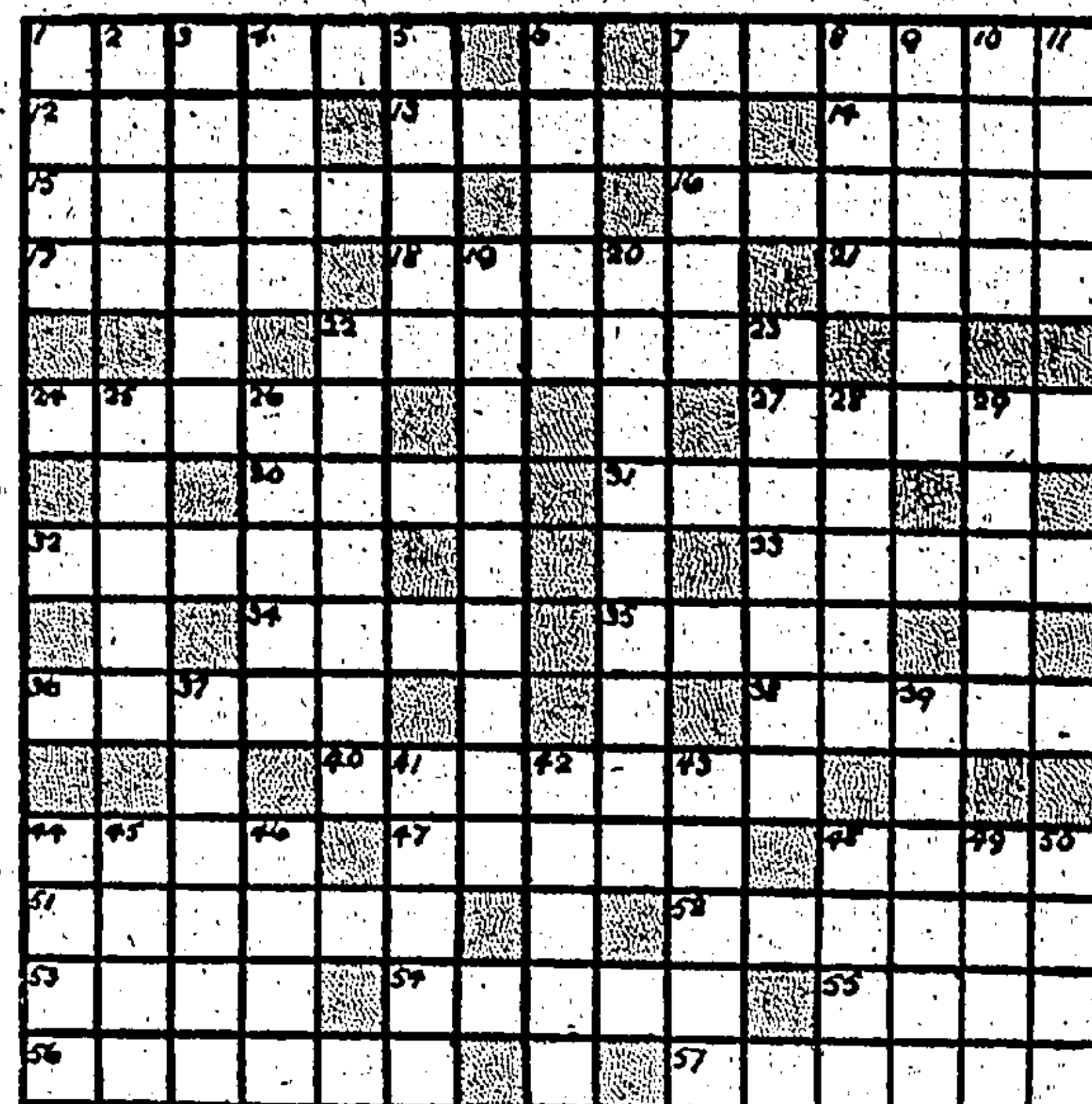
THE BELGIAN CONCESSION AT TIENTSIN.

Brussels, Mar. 11.

The Cabinet has approved the Bill for submission to His Majesty the King, ratifying the Belgian-Chinese agreement concluded at Tientsin on August 31, 1929.—*Reuter.*

[The agreement, which was drawn up by the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, and the Belgian Minister in China, Baron de Warzee, provided for the rendition of the Belgian Concession at Tientsin.]

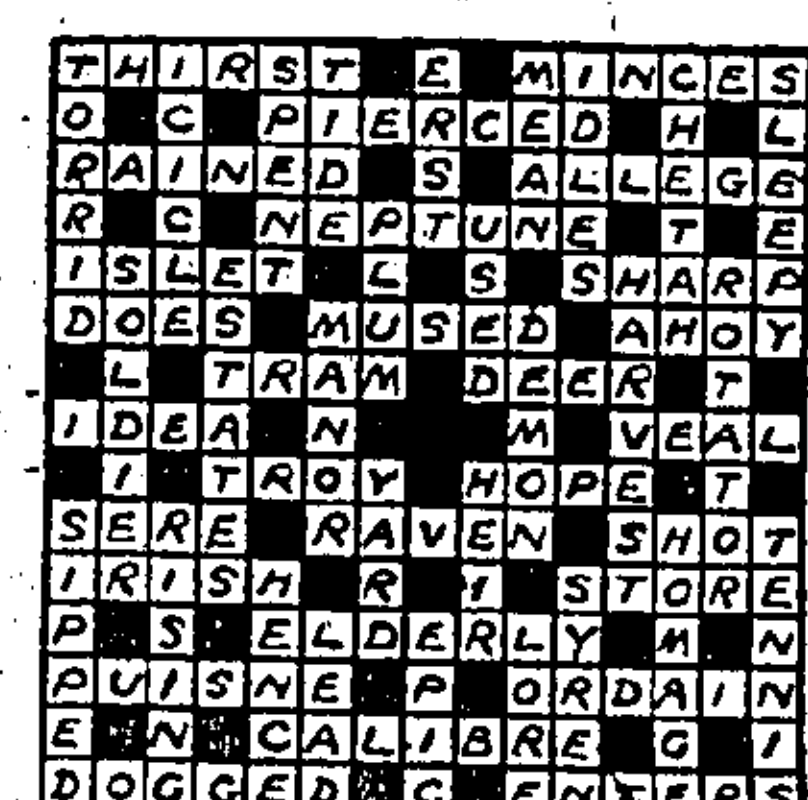
OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- Hare-brained person.
 - Perceives.
 - Egg-shaped.
 - Coloured clay.
 - Source.
 - Sell in small quantities.
 - Frothy.
 - Ireland.
 - Putrid.
 - Perch.
 - Releasing.
 - Plural of this.
 - More scarce.
 - Relieve.
 - Regretted.
 - Singed.
 - Lateral division.
 - One who sues.
 - Repetition of words.
 - Mammal of amphibious habits.
 - Strong.
 - Firth.
 - Extra seed covering.
 - Egyptian plant.
 - Small bird.
 - Marked with wavy furrows.
 - Half breed.
 - Frozen.
 - Outcast.
 - Dissolve.
 - Pawl.
 - Spotted.

- Down
- Extra.
 - Assert.
 - Case of nouns.
 - Sect.
 - Pertaining to the pole.
 - Shadow.
 - Number.

- Yesterday's Solution.
- Grasp.
 - Reverence.
 - Tax.
 - Eye disease.
 - Profane.
 - Library attendant.
 - Prominent part.
 - In a large manner.
 - Frequent.
 - Disarmament.
 - Goodbye.
 - Approbation.
 - Tripod.
 - Grow.
 - Page.
 - Untied.
 - Spied.
 - Dry.
 - Cereal.
 - Open ditch.
 - Wool of cloth.
 - Otherwise.
 - Want.



A Little Adventure Cruise



THE glorious days of adventure on the Spanish Main associated with Drake and other famous Elizabethan sea dogs are no more. That life on the high seas in that quarter of the globe is still not without excitement is shown by the following letter.

Richmond, Virginia.

"I've just been on a little adventure cruise on the filthiest mongrel of a boat that ever sailed the seven seas. The Panamanian flag, not at all indicative of our breed, trailed from our stern, and half the nations were dubiously represented amidsthips, as we lunged about the waters of the moody Caribbean. "Chin (of the Officers' Mess) and I (of the Engineers' Mess) had frequent altercations because of a mysterious mix-up in the china of his galley and mine. Somehow a few used cups of the Officers' china were always found in my sink, and in the Officers' pantry the sink was usually a dirty mixture of Engineers' and Officers' china. After straightening out this cup mixture for the twelfth time, Chin and I declared a truce until such time as we should have discovered the secret use to which they jointly and nightly put our laboriously scrubbed cups. One evening's careful watch told us the story.

"Just behind the bottles in the Mate's cabinet was a large tin of 'Ovaltine,' and as he brought it out both Engineers and Officers hurried to their respective galleys, and came back loaded with parloined cups and spoons and hot water. The Chief Engineer brought out with great pride half a can of tinned milk—somehow stolen from under my very nose at breakfast, and the lot of them grouped about the centre table and began acting like small boys with stolen cider. And they were enjoying it just that much. It didn't take long the next morning to find where the Mate kept that cabinet key. "Later we found that at least half the sailors kept a great tin of 'Ovaltine' in their forecabinets, and still later discovered four tins of it in the bunks of the black gang. And in their nightly gambling the highest stakes they could lay were their coveted tins of 'Ovaltine.'"

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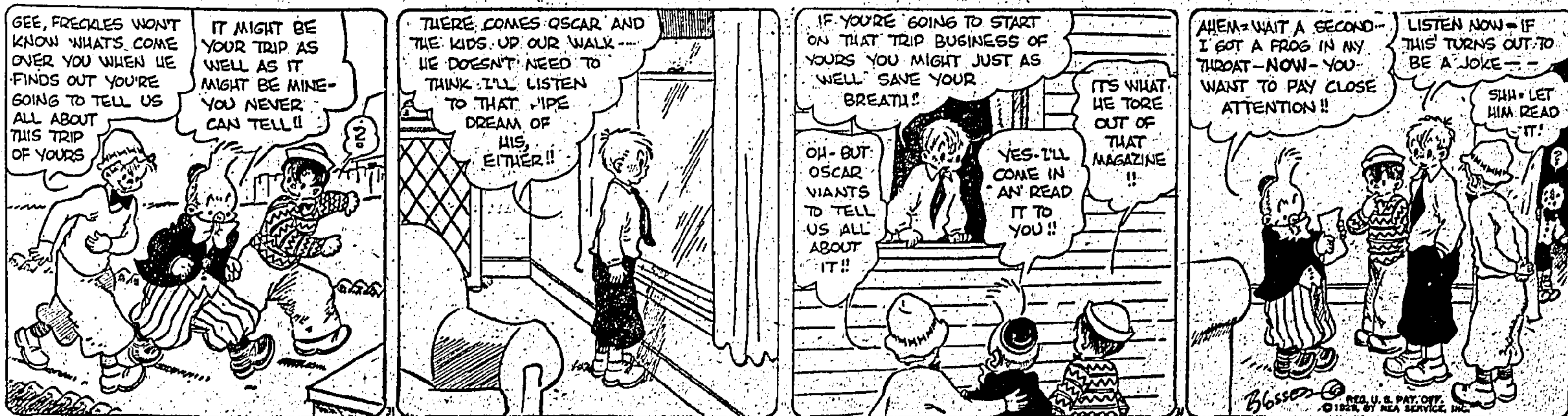
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Hongkong Telegraph

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12, 1930.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

So far from unemployment in Great Britain decreasing, it is on the upward trend. It is this fact which has made many people impatient with the Labour Government, which, when it took office, attached so much importance to a solution of the problem that it assigned one of its Cabinet Ministers solely to the task. The hard facts of economics, however, have been operating against immediate remedies. Mr. Lloyd George and other critics of the Government may heap blame on the Labour Administration, but that does not help. It is, in fact, reasonable to suppose that, whatever Government had been in power, the position would be relatively what it is to-day. We do not say that in defence of Labour: the conclusion seems inevitable in view of the prevalent factors. Incidentally, we must assume that the Conservatives were equally handicapped by the economics of the situation when they were in power, although the Labourites showed no disposition to concede that point at the time.

Assuming the summaries of Monday's debate in the House of Commons to give a fair impression of the discussion, the Opposition do not appear to have made out a very strong case against the Government. Indeed, Mr. Thomas seems to have had little difficulty in disposing of the criticisms. He was able to show that unemployment is not peculiar to Britain, but that it is a marked feature at the moment of industrial life in the United States, in Germany and in Italy. Convincing, also, were his statements on the effects of the slump in silver and in the value of raw materials on Lancashire, where in the past twelve months close on 150,000 men have been added to the unemployment list. Against these facts, he showed that the Government has sanctioned schemes specifically designed to aid employment involving an outlay of no less than \$65,000,000. This money is to be used in the development of railways, docks, harbours, water supplies, electricity and roads. As yet, of course, these projects are not in full operation, but the allocation of this huge sum is sufficient answer to those who

accuse the Government of doing nothing.

Obviously, the unemployment problem cannot be solved in a day. Account has to be taken of the root causes. Britain's first essential is a large export trade. In the past, her best markets have been Eastern, demanding bulk quantities at low prices. Since the war, the income of the average Asiatic, excepting possibly those in the Treaty Ports, shows but little increase over the 1914 figures. If Eastern produce shows an increase in price, this is mainly due to factors of Western nature and origin having an influence on it, such as higher costs of freight, insurance, etc. On the other hand, the cost of Western manufactures sent into Eastern countries has also become greatly enhanced. The result is seen in greatly curtailed purchases. As an illustration of the decline in Lancashire trade, it may be pointed out that cotton piecegoods exports before the war were somewhere in the region of 7,300 million square yards annually; to-day, the figure is about 4,000 million. Thus the unproductive machinery is causing an added burden on that which is producing, and incidentally, the taxation on both has been greatly increased.

As to the causes for the increased costs of British manufactures, these include more taxation and an increased desire for luxury, expressing itself in motor-cars, sport, etc. These luxuries, though possibly providing employment, must result in what may be termed an increase in the country's maintenance costs and are certainly reflected in the costs of its exports. A vicious circle is encountered, and unemployment results. The solution is not easy to find, but, apart from whatever the Government may be able to do, it does seem as if much of the ease, comfort and luxury now being enjoyed will have to be cut out and the people get down to the hard facts of life.

Local Sweepstakes.

Instead of clarifying the attitude of the police towards the numerous sweepstakes organised by various Clubs and institutions in the Colony, the recent prosecutions have resulted in greater confusion. The Inspector-General appears to have gone back upon his regulations of eighteen months ago, in which the Police quite definitely were instructed not to interfere with sweepstakes run under certain conditions. In future, Mr. T. H. King tells the public through the Magistrate, organisations which run sweepstakes, even if they do comply with the so-called regulations issued in 1923, may still be liable to interference by the Police. The indulgence of the Inspector-General is, apparently, to be the only hallmark of pseudo-legality, and the position created is most unsatisfactory. To our mind, it oversteps the limits of what is necessary for the exercise of reasonable control, and some explanation of the change in policy should be forthcoming. The responsibility taken upon himself by the Inspector-General is, open to criticism on several grounds, for while it may be granted that the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe's judgment may be relied upon, equally may it be difficult for him to dispel an impression among the Chinese, already created to some extent by the recent prosecutions, that European clubs are favoured. There is, of course, no truth in such a suggestion, but truth does not always prevail. The trouble at headquarters is that the I.G.P. and his assistants are prepared to shut their eyes to breaches of the law, but are not prepared to confer immunity. There would be no complexity but for this attitude, and as far as we can see there is only one way to avoid it, namely, to cut out the cant, admit that sweepstakes are being run, and legalise them as long as they are organised along well-defined lines. The Government at Home has recognised the legality of betting by imposing a tax. Since the local Government is feeling

DAY BY DAY.

THE EARNESTNESS OF LIFE IS THE ONLY PASSPORT TO THE SATISFACTION OF LIFE.—Theodore Parker.

The P. and O. s.s. Kalyan, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

It is notified that Mr. H. Stehr has been authorized to sign for Messrs. Siemens & Co., per procurement.

Dr. R. A. de Castro Basto, D.O.M.S. (Lond) has been appointed Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of smallpox and one each of typhoid and cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

Believed to have attempted to take her life by Lysol poisoning, Wong Kik-ying, aged 21, of No. 720 Nathan Road, is now in the Kwong Wah Hospital, where she is receiving treatment.

Serious injuries were received by Kwong Bun, aged 17 years, an apprentice fitter, who fell into a bunker on the s.s. Adrea, yesterday, and he now lies in the Kwong Wah Hospital in a critical condition.

The Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps held a practice parade yesterday in preparation for the annual inspection by the General Officer Commanding the Troops which takes place to-morrow afternoon on the Murray Parade ground.

It is advertised that the thirty-third ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., will take place in the Company's Board Room, Alexandra Building, on Wednesday, March 19, at 2.30 p.m.

CHINA PROVIDENT COMPANY.

PROFIT OF OVER \$70,000
LAST YEAR.

The annual report of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1929, states:

Interest on loans considered to be irrecoverable, amounting to \$40,714.68, has been treated as in previous years, so that the net profit for the year amounts to \$70,530.19.

It is proposed to carry forward this sum to the credit of 1930 account, which, together with \$63,040.92 brought forward from 1929, will leave a balance of \$133,571.11 to the credit of Profit and Loss A/c.

Specific Reserves for Loans shows a surplus of \$30,992.56 which sum has been transferred to General Reserve Account. General Reserve Account has also been credited with the sum of \$11,950.93 representing dividends unclaimed and now forfeited for the benefit of the Company.

This account has been debited with \$5,000.00 as a Reserve for Bad and Doubtful Debts.

Directors.—The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga has been invited to join the Board of Directors. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr. P. M. Hodgson and Mr. S. M. Churn retire from the Board, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming who offer themselves for re-election.

Hongkong Fire Insurance.

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on 26th instant, the payment out of the Profits for the year 1929 of a dividend of \$47 per share absorbing \$376,000; to pass \$25,000 to credit of Sterling Reserve and \$2,523.2-2 to credit of Reinsurance Fund; carrying forward \$511,112.36 in respect of the year 1929.

THE LATE MR. TAFT.

6,000 PEOPLE PASS BEFORE COFFIN.

Washington, Mar. 11. The body of ex-President Taft, dressed in the robes of the Chief Justice, lay in state for two hours beneath the dome of the Capitol. The coffin lid was open, and no fewer than 6,000 people passed along in double file. *Reuter's American Service.*

the pinch, as a result of the fall in silver, perhaps consideration could be given to a new source of revenue in the form of a five per cent. rake-off on sweepstakes. Better than that pretending that something is not, that is.

**AN ARMY CHAPLAIN
RESIGNS.**

RESULT OF INTERCESSORY PRAYERS ORDER.

TIME TO RE-CONSIDER.

London, Mar. 11. Mr. Tom Shaw, the Minister for War, answering questions in the House of Commons to-day, stated that only one Army Chaplain had thought it necessary to tender his resignation on account of the orders issued by the Army Council with regard to intercessory prayers for the Christians in Russia.

It was to be noted that the gentleman concerned was a Chaplain on reserve.

Mr. Shaw was arranging that this resignation should not be accepted until the Chaplain in question had had time to consider the precise interpretation of the recent instructions. *Reuter.*

The new Orders state that officers and other ranks cannot be compulsorily paraded to attend services at which intercessory prayers for the Christians in Russia will be offered, but will be free to attend voluntary intercessory services.

Troops attending parade services not held in Garrison Churches are not to be compulsorily paraded to service including intercessory prayers.

CHANNEL TUNNEL PROJECT.

COMMITTEE BELIEVED TO APPROVE SCHEME.

PILOT TUNNEL FIRST.

London, Mar. 11. The report of the Committee which has been investigating the question of a tunnel under the English Channel will be issued immediately.

The Committee has considered the economic engineering and geological aspects of the matter. The newspapers understand that the Committee has approved the project and sees no insuperable difficulty in the way of construction of the tunnel in any of the above respects. According to these unofficial forecasts, it is recommended that a pilot tunnel be first driven under the Channel, as an experiment, at an estimated cost of \$5,000,000.

It is suggested that the construction of the Channel Tunnel proper, which is expected to cost \$25,000,000, should not be undertaken by the State, but be left to private enterprise.

When the report is presented to Parliament, there will be the political and military aspects of the project to be considered. *British Wireless.*

GERMAN WEDDING IN CANTON.

MR. F. A. PETERSEN AND MISS M. INGWERSEN.

Canton, Mar. 11. A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the Church of the Berlin Mission at Ha Fong Tsuen, Canton, on Saturday afternoon, when Miss Marianne Ingwersen became the wife of Mr. Fritz Andreas Petersen.

The bride is the only daughter of Johannes and Metta Christian Ingwersen of Hamburg-Langenhorn, Germany; whilst the bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petersen of Hamburg. The bride only arrived in Canton from Germany a few days previous to the ceremony. She looked very pretty in a lovely gown of white silk marocain with train, carrying a beautiful bouquet of white roses. She was not attended by bridesmaids.

Mrs. W. O. Kohler acted for the bride's mother and wore a dress of coloured satin rayon.

The ceremony was conducted entirely in German and according to German custom. Superintendent Gramatte of the Berlin Mission performing the ceremony, whilst Mr. Kunze, also of the Berlin Mission, was at the organ.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, a reception was held at Ha Fong Tsuen. *Our Own Correspondent.*

BRITAIN'S WORKERS.

UNEMPLOYED LIST STILL GROWING.

London, Mar. 11. The Ministry of Labour announces that, according to the latest return, there are approximately 9,941,400 insured persons aged from 16 to 64 years in employment in Great Britain. The total number of unemployed is 1,547,200. This is 7,335 more than the week before and 169,868 more than the year before. *British Wireless.*

The Very Idea!

A story of a French peasant woman of 55 years of age who is supposed to have been living for several months with a live snake inside her is related by a Journal published in Upper Savoy.

Some time ago the woman consulted a doctor, who ordered her to be X-rayed. When the print was examined the doctor was astonished to see the form of a snake 20 in. long clearly outlined in the woman's stomach.

It is thought that the woman must have swallowed a tiny viper while drinking water from a spring in a field and that the reptile is steadily growing.

The Mayor hurried in to the gathering and exclaimed apologetically:—"I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but I have been addressing a board meeting."

"I can quite believe that it was!" said a voice from the crowd.

Prohibition Songs:

"Tosti's Good Bye."
"How Can I Bear to Leave Thee?"
"Hurrah for the Red Wine and Brew!"
"O Thou Bright Gleaming Bar!"
"There's No Place Like Rum."
"Home Is Where the Quart Is."

The following actual conversation took place between two small schoolboys in Edinburgh.

"D'you ken wha Adam was?"
"Aye."
"But you dinna ken wha Eve was?"
"I dae. She was the first wumman."

"Ah, but ye dinna ken what she did."
"I dae. She ate the apple."

"Aye."
"And if there had been only rhubarb she'd hae-eaten it tae."

Mike—"Did ye ever spake before a large audience, Pat?"
Pat—"Oi did wance."
Mike—"An' what did ye say?"
Pat—"Not guilty!"

Little Emily ran in the house, crying as though her heart would break.

"What's wrong, dear?" asked her mother.

"My dolly—Billy broke it," she sobbed.

"How did he break it, dear?"
"I hit him on the head with it."

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 11.
Paris	124.26
New York	4.85 5/32
Brussels	34.89
Geneva	25.115
Amsterdam	12.124
Milan	92.85
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.115
Copenhagen	18.165
Oslo	18.17
Vienna	34.515
Prague	164.4
Helsinki	193.4
Madrid	39.25
Lisbon	105.30
Athens	87.5
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	6.25/82
Bombay	42.1/16
Shanghai	1/5.27/82
Yokohama	1/10.4
Silver (spot)	2/0.11/32
Silver (forward)	19.1/16
	18 1/4

—British Wireless.

WHO WAS....**RASSELAS.**

Rasselas is the hero of Dr. Johnson's romance of that name. Along with the other children of the Emperor of Abyssinia, Rasselas spent his childhood in the happy valley of Amharra.

As he grew older he tired of its monotonous delights, and persuaded his sister Nekayah to fare forth with him into the great world. Together they escaped from the happy valley, and with the poet-philosopher Inlac for a guide, they set out to search for happiness.

They sought it throughout the whole world, among the young and the old, among the wise men and the unlearned, in the midst of crowds and in a hermit's cell, and everywhere they were disappointed. The laughter of youth rang hollow; the philosophers did not practise what they taught; the shepherds were not as simple-hearted and kind as poets had painted them; the recluse in his cell pined for worldly joys.

Sadly Rasselas returned to the happy valley. There, the crowning disillusion awaited him, for the peace and delight of the land of his childhood proved, no less than all the rest, to be merely an illusion of youth.

LAD AND WALKING STICK.**MAGISTRATE CANCELS THE CONVICTION.****POLICE DEFENDED.**

The recent case of a small boy who was cautioned for unlawful possession of a walking-stick was reconsidered by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when his Worship cancelled the conviction which he had registered against the lad, on account of a further development in the case.

Addressing Detective Sergeant Humphreys, his Worship said:—"There has been a development in this case; I don't refer to the letter that appeared in the paper last night, because I don't think a Magistrate usually takes any notice of letters of that kind, but I have received a personal communication in the matter—a communication of great practical value. On Monday night, I got a telephone message from one of our Government school masters, Mr. O'Connor, of Queen's College. He had seen the result of the case in the papers and he telephoned to say that on the day in question he actually saw a Chinese in European clothes, who looked as if he had got off a boat, hand a walking stick to a little boy.

"Now I think we may assume that that was the little boy who was arrested. I may say that I think that the police were perfectly right in arresting him. If I had been a constable and saw a boy of that class carrying a walking stick of that kind, I would certainly have arrested him. It is not an ordinary stick. It looks like an ebony stick with silver mounting; but actually it is made of steel but still it is not a walking stick that you would expect a boy of that class to have and I think the Police were bound to arrest him.

"I have been very much struck, since I became a Magistrate, with the number of cases in which the thief has been arrested before the theft has been reported. There have been some very serious cases of house breaking where a man was simply arrested when seen going into a pawn shop and it was later found out that there had been a case of larceny of house breaking.

Detention Explained.

"Now if the police don't take action of that kind, it means that in a very great many cases the thief will never be caught. I think it is most unfortunate because this little boy had spent almost 48 hours in custody, but that was the inevitable result of Sunday being a holiday. We cannot help that.

"The question now is what should be done next. A conviction and caution has been registered against him and I propose that the conviction should be cancelled so that it cannot effect his career."

In reply to his Worship, Detective Sergeant Humphreys intimated that he had made enquiries for the lad, but found that, together with his sister and sister-in-law, he had gone to Canton.

His Worship said that, in registering the conviction, he had merely cautioned the defendant that in future he should not have in his possession anything for which he could not give a satisfactory account. His Worship thought that that advice was quite good whether the boy was right or not. His Worship pointed out that a walking-stick was an absurd thing to give to a small boy.

Detective's Position.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys said he would like to say that, as his Worship knew, Tsimshtsui was a European residential quarter and the loss of most trivial articles, such as a walking-stick, hat or umbrella was reported to the police with the result that reports had to be prepared and enquiries made. If, in the present case, the stick had been retained and the boy sent away he (Detective Sergeant Humphreys) would probably have been put on the charge sheet for stealing the stick from the lad.

It was to have his Worship make an order in respect of the article that the boy had been detained and taken to Court.

His Worship said he thought according to Mr. O'Connor there had been two men dressed in European clothes and were evidently getting out or getting into rickshaws when the boy was handed the stick. Mr. O'Connor was so struck that he in fact stood and watched the incident.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys said the boy's story had been possible but highly improbable.

His Worship intimated that the man might have wanted to get rid of the stick as it was more a weapon than a walking-stick. The conviction against the lad was accordingly cancelled.

SEDITIONARY PAPERS AT RACES.**THROWN INTO AIR BY A CHINESE YOUTH.****MAGISTRATE LENIENT.**

An opportunity to make good was given to a first-offender, a Chinese youth who was charged before Mr. Lindsell to-day at the Central Magistracy with the possession of seditious literature. The case resulted from an incident during the recent Races, when the prisoner was seen to throw a number of leaflets into the air, with the idea of their being caught by the large attendance of Chinese who lined the railings.

Translated, these papers revealed a tone considered to be highly anti-Imperialistic and anti-British.

To-day, the proprietor of a native lodging-house where the prisoner was employed was brought into the case, but he refused to furnish bond for the future good conduct of the youth, pointing out that the logical person to do so was the father-in-law of the accused, a shopkeeper at Kowloon City.

To the officer prosecuting in the case, the Magistrate gave instructions that this relative of the accused was to be looked up. "The prisoner is young," his Worship said, "He has obviously got into bad company, and, given a chance, will probably behave himself. He has learned his lesson now."

The Magistrate added that he proposed to discharge the prisoner if the latter's father-in-law would furnish bond at the next appearance.

KENNEDY TOWN FIRE TRAGEDY.*(Continued from Page 1.)*

Eventually, after about an hour, the blaze was got under complete control.

Destroyed Once Before.

The house involved stands near the junction of Belcher's Street and is separated by a narrow scavenging lane from a block of houses, which was destroyed by fire last year and was only recently rebuilt.

The owner, a Chinese lady, informed a *Telegraph* reporter that she owns nine houses in the vicinity. No. 12, Smithfield appears to have been particularly invested with bad joss, as it was destroyed in the big fire which laid off Kennedy Town waste eight years ago. It is covered by insurance with the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co.

Origin Uncertain.

The origin of the fire is still being investigated by the police, a particularly difficult job in view of the reluctance of the people belonging to the joss-paper shop to disclose anything which they fear may incriminate themselves. Four foks and the master are known to have been on the premises.

They all disappeared after the fire and were not found until some hours afterwards.

They said they were sound asleep when the fire suddenly broke out in their midst. They escaped into the street and raised the alarm.

The building was almost gutted by the time the first jet was brought into play, with the flames, according to a Portuguese resident across the street, shooting fifteen feet into the air. The tragedy was enacted within the few minutes interval between the start of the fire and the arrival of the Brigade.

The woman who was killed with her baby, was the wife of a coolie employed at Wanchai. He appears to have been absent from the house last night.

MR. PEPYS IN HONGKONG.**IV.**

To my Banker to-day to speak with him touching this fall in the market price of silver. Though whether he know anything beyond I do, I sorely doubt me. But it is a mighty serious turn and all trade will, I fear, be bad. So the more need methinks to keep a cheerful countenance, and to distract one's mind with musick and playhouses. But the rate I fixed irked me sore and later will so more, I fear. And who it may be that doth profit from it, the Lord knows. My Banker do not. Thence, sad, to the Club, where I do take a glass or twain of strong waters, and by and by more merry to nuncheon, where to my sorrow I hear little of the play but much discourse about certain fellows who are taken by the Watch for selling of Lottery tickets. And I am right glad of it, for these myriad lotteries do divert much monies that should go to the Jockey Club, and are but run for profit. Whereas the Jockey Club do give us quid pro quo, and one might win. After nuncheon, billiards with Mr. Pory who do fluke immoderately. So home to supper, some musick, and to bed.

DOLLAR DECLINE EFFECTS.**BIG INCREASES IN LOCAL ESTIMATES.****TO-MORROW'S VOTES.**

Nineteen votes totalling \$138,841 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon. Several estimates are increased by reason of the decline in the dollar. Amongst the items are the following:

New Motor Boat.

\$1,130 for a motor boat for the Police Force. It is explained that the sailing boat used by police at Tai O Police Station has been condemned as unsafe by the Honourable Harbour Master. It is proposed to replace this boat by a motor boat the estimated cost of which is \$1,130. No provision exists for the unforeseen expenditure in the 1930 Estimates.

P.W.D. Workshops.

\$37,200 to complete the new P.W.D. workshops on the Praya East Reclamation which were commenced last year. The cost was estimated on 1929 maintenance contract rates, at \$53,000. An additional sum of \$2,100 is required to meet the increased rates for 1930, whilst additional items involve a sum of \$4,500, making the total revised estimate \$59,600.

Rubble Mound.

\$20,000 for a rubble mound at North Point, to form protection to dump for surplus materials excavated on South side of Shaukwan Road.

It is necessary to provide a dump for surplus material in connexion with further reclamation at North Point eastward of M.L. 431, and the disposal of spoil and rubble excavated from a balance tank and other works which are being undertaken in that vicinity. It is proposed to erect a rubble wall to retain the dumped material and prevent it being washed into the harbour.

By providing this means for the easy disposal of surplus material a saving of \$3,800 will be effected on the North Point balance tank contract, and in addition, reclamation for the continuation of the 100' 0" road and adjoining areas will be carried out at a considerable saving of ultimate cost.

Shamshuipo Pier.

\$46,000 to complete Shamshuipo Ferry Pier, commenced last year.

The tender received for an all iron pier was not accepted, being too high. This necessitated calling for fresh tenders for a reinforced concrete pier, thus delaying commencement of construction until July 1929. In consequence, the value of completed work at the end of the year only amounted to \$19,000.

Due to the unfavourable rate of exchange for the purchase of pier materials to be obtained from London, the original total estimate of \$110,000 for this pier will require to be increased to \$120,000. A vote of \$46,000 is therefore requested to cover the cost of completing the work in 1930.

Another Pier.

\$50,000 to complete Mong Kok Tsui Ferry Pier, started last year.

Commencement of construction was delayed until July of 1929 for the same reasons as in the case

CASE SUDDENLY COLLAPSES.**PARTNERSHIP ISSUE ENDS IN NON-SUIT.****PIECEGOODS VENTURE.**

An action in the Summary Court collapsed suddenly this morning when the plaintiff was non-suited after giving evidence.

The plaintiff was Ng Sing, of 26, Ngai Chin Road, Kowloon City, and he claimed \$600 from Wong Chun-hong, of the same address, in respect of an alleged breach of partnership. After plaintiff had given his evidence, his Lordship held that the partnership was still going on and accordingly entered a non-suit.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. A. el Arculli for the defendant.

Outlining the case, Mr. Remedios said that last year the plaintiff and defendant agreed to start a business to be known as the Yee Wo firm and to deal in piecegoods. The plaintiff spent \$500 in purchasing a business for \$100 and in buying stock. Later, the defendant claimed to be the sole partner.

In evidence, plaintiff said that each agreed to put up half the capital of the new business. Although defendant did not give plaintiff money, he gave it to his son who, in company with plaintiff, bought stock to the value of \$800. Defendant had taken his family to live at the business address and had asked that the entire business be handed over to him.

Plaintiff alleged that defendant had suggested he had embezzled money and related how the parties visited a Police Station with the result that a constable was sent with them to investigate the accounts.

After plaintiff's evidence, Mr. Remedios agreed with his Lordship that the case fell to the ground and that there should be an action for dissolution of partnership.

DEAD BODY FOUND.**MAN CHARGED WITH DUMPING.**

A sequel to the discovery of the dead body of a Chinese outside the Mongkok Theatre on Saturday morning when the Police were at first led to believe that a murder had been committed, was the appearance before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning of a contractor's coolie on a charge of dumping the body.

Detective Sergeant Meadows said the body was tied to a bamboo pole with which it was been carried to the spot during the night. The man had died of natural causes at the defendant's hut and had been carried into the street to avoid formalities. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

of the Shamshuipo Ferry Pier. The value of work completed at the end of the year amounted to only \$15,000.

The original total estimate of \$110,000 for this pier will require to be increased to \$120,000 due to unfavourable rate of exchange for the purchase of materials to be obtained from London.

A vote of \$50,000 is therefore requested to cover the cost of completing the work in 1930.

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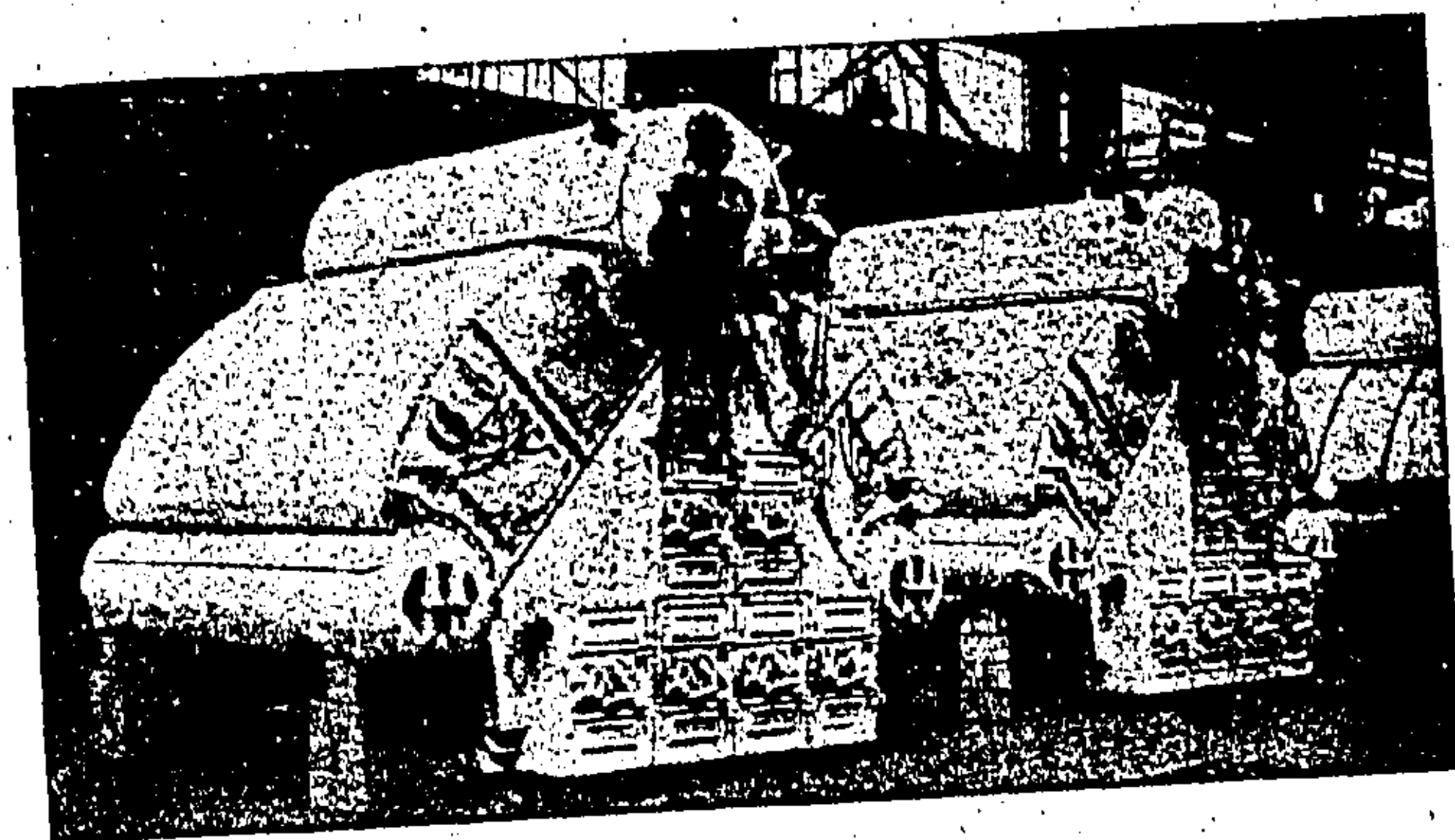
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GARRISON NEWS.

BREVET PROMOTION IN CHINA COMMAND.

The London Gazette announces that Major W. F. Hanna, M.C., R.E., has been promoted Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, as from the 1st January, 1930. Major Hanna has held the appointment of G.S.O.2, China Command, and is at present G.S.O.1, in relief of Colonel J. McD. Haskard, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Joining the Royal Engineers as a Second-Lieutenant early in 1910, Major Hanna obtained his first step in 1912, and was promoted Captain in 1914. He held the rank of Acting Major from 30.11.16 to 11.4.17, and was promoted Major by Brevet as from 3.6.17, almost nine years before he was substantively promoted to that rank.

Major Hanna was specially employed at the War Office, and later as G.S.O.3, and G.S.O.2, from 18.3.18 to 31.3.20, becoming G.S.O.3 at the War Office from 1.4.20 to 31.1.23. He was Inspector at the School of Anti-Aircraft Defence from 1.2.23 to 20.1.24, and was appointed Brigadier, Major, 1st Air Defence Brigade, 1.4.23, his appointment to G.S.O.2, South China Command, being dated 24.2.23.

During the Great War, Major Hanna was wounded twice, and was awarded the Military Cross, in addition to being mentioned three times in despatches. The Belgian War Cross was also awarded to him for his war services.

Latest Appointment.

Major G. St. G. Robinson, D.S.O., M.C., the Northampton Regiment, has been selected to succeed Lieut.-Col. W. F. Hanna, M.C., R.E., as General Staff Officer, 2nd Grade, China Command, in order to take up his duties here on or about April 1st.

Joining the Northampton Regiment in 1907, Major Robinson was promoted Lieutenant two years later, and to Captain shortly after the outbreak of the Great War. He was Acting Major from 1.4.15 to 4.2.16, and was Acting Lieut.-Col. from 25.7.17 to 31.1.19, and Temporary Lieut.-Col. from 1.1.19 to 14.4.19. His substantive promotion to Major is dated 28.2.25.

Major Robinson has held the appointment of Officer of a Company of Gentlemen Cadets, Royal Military College, Sandhurst, on two occasions. He was wounded in the Great War, and in addition to being awarded the D.S.O. and M.C., he was twice mentioned in despatches.

Latest Postings.

Lieut.-Col. H. W. Russell, O.B.E., M.D., R.A.M.C., has been posted to Hongkong, and sailed from Home in s.s. Rajputana on the 22nd. February. Col. Russell joined the R.A.M.C. in 1904, and was promoted Captain in the following year, and to Major in 1915. He was Acting Lieut.-Col. 1.10.15 to 19.5.17 and from 12.6.19 to 30.12.19. Col. Russell served in France and Belgium from 12.10.14 to 30.1.16, and in Mesopotamia from 1.1.16 to 31.10.18, being mentioned in despatches in 1915. In the Iran Operations, 1919-20, he obtained the Medal with two clasps.

Lieut. W. C. Haslewood, Royal Artillery, has been posted to Hongkong, and sailed from Home on 22nd February.

Lieut. E. W. Whitfield, The Green Howards, has been posted from the First Battalion, stationed at Aldershot, to the Second Battalion, stationed in Shanghai, and will arrive here in s.s. Rajputana.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

H.D. RUMJAHN ADVANCES FURTHER.

Very little progress was made yesterday in the tennis tournament which has been held up by bad weather so persistently during the last week, the only match in the Open section, being the second round singles between H. D. Rumjahn and S. W. Liang.

The former won comfortably on a ground which played many tricks. Rumjahn controlled his shots very cleverly, and was greatly superior to Liang at the net. The latter appeared unhappy with balls which came through quickly and was at fault with his timing.

In a Club championship match, H. J. Armstrong defeated Dr. L. T. Ride, without being called upon to concede a set.

There is a heavy programme booked for this afternoon, all nine courts being due for occupation, and it is expected that the stand court will be used for the first time.

Yesterday's results were:
Open Championship (second round).—H. D. Rumjahn beat S. W. Liang, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.
Club Championship.—H. J. Armstrong beat Dr. L. T. Ride, 6-2, 6-0.
This Afternoon's Programme.
Open Doubles Championship (second round).—H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn v Dr. L. T. Ride and Col. Wyatt (Court No. 9).
F. A. Redmond and A. L. Sullivan v T. Yoshida and H. Yamada (Court No. 5).
Club Championship (second round).—Capt. E. C. Edgington v H. J. Armstrong (Court No. 3).
D. Humphreys v Dr. Valentine (Court No. 8).
Handicap Singles "A".—S. E. Green (-15/2) v D. Ellis (rec. 2/6) (Court No. 7).
H. C. Gould (-2/6) v D. M. MacDougall (-4/6) (Court No. 6).
H. R. Butters (rec. 2/6) v E. R. Price (rec. 2/6) (Court No. 1).
Handicap Singles "B".—R. P. Moodie (scr.) v J. R. Hinton (rec. 2/6) (Court No. 4).
Handicap Doubles.—T. C. Monaghan and N. L. Ralston (scr.) v A. F. Judd and M. G. Mills (rec. 15) (Court No. 2).

"WORDS AND MUSIC."

MISS PATTERSON A NOTED BROADWAYITE.

One of America's most distinguished character actresses, Elizabeth Patterson, has a leading role in "Words and Music," Fox Movietone musical revue, this week at the Queen's Theatre.

Miss Patterson has been on the stage for twenty-five years, with only one previous appearance in motion pictures, "The Return of Peter Grimm," with Janet Gaynor and Alex. Francis.

She made her debut with the Ben Greet players in repertoire, and later joined the Washington Square players, now known as the Theatre Guild. There followed a stock engagement with Stuart Walker in Indianapolis, Booth Tarkington's home town. She became acquainted with Tarkington and later appeared in two of his plays, "Intimate Strangers" and "Magnolia."

In 1928 she played role in four New York productions, "Spellbound," "Paradise," "Box Seats" and "Carry On." Earlier this year she played a role in "The Marriage Bed" and another in "Man's Estate," a Theatre Guild production, before she was signed to a Fox Movietone contract.

A REAPPOINTMENT.

GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL PROVINCES.

London, Mar. 11.
Sir Montague Butler left London to-day en route for Bombay, to return to Nagpur for his second term of five years as Governor of the Central Provinces.

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TARIFF TRUCE.

FINAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

London, Mar. 11.
Mr. William Graham, the President of the Board of Trade, who has presided over the Tariff Truce Conference, is expected at Geneva on Thursday.

An appeal has been addressed to other Ministers of Commerce, who are being sent to reassemble for a final discussion of the conference.—*British Wireless.*

The semi-final replay for the H.K.F.A. Shield will take place on the H.K.F.C. ground to-day, kick-off at 4.30 p.m., between South China and the Navy. The match will be refereed by Mr. W. E. Hollands and the linesmen will be Mr. J. Lawrence and L. S. B. A. Mann.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$1380	b.
Chartered Bank, \$174	n.
Mercantile A. & B., \$29	n.
East Asia, \$98	b.
Insurances.	
Canton Ins., \$775	sa.
Union Ins., \$397	b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160	b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50	n.
China Underwriters, \$150	sa.
China Fires, \$340	b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$895	b.
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$234	sa.
H. K. Steamships, \$26	b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2	sa.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.), \$70	n.
Union Waterboats, \$25	b.
Mining.	
Benguets, \$61	b.
Kailans, 50/-	n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.50	n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30	n.
Raubs, \$161	b.
Tronchs, 21/-	n.
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$152	b.
Whampoa Docks, \$32	b.
China Provident, \$5.20	sa.
Hongkows, Tls. 216	b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 7.80	b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 125	n.
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 16.30	sa.
Orientalis, Tls. 2.30	b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 87 (old)	n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$12.90	b.
H. K. Lands, \$64	sa.
Shai Lands, Tls. 225	b.
Humphreys, \$14	n.
Realities, \$3.30	sa.
Chinese Estates, \$98	sa.
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$20.40	b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$11.75	n.
Star Ferries, \$64	sa.
China Lights, (Old), \$19.30	sa.
H. K. Electric, \$691	sa.
Macao Electric, \$23	b.
Telephones, \$10.30	b.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90	b.
Singapore Traction, 10/-	sa.
Industrials.	
China Sugars, 75 cts.	b.
Malabons, \$27	n.
Cald: Macq. Ord: Tls. 10	n.
Canton Ice, \$2.50	n.
Cements (Comb.), \$15	sa.
Ropes, \$7.85	sa.
United Asbestos, \$5	b.
Stores, etc.	
Dairy Farms, \$22.20	b.
Watsons, \$11.50	n.
Der A. Wings, \$80	b.
Lane Crawfords, \$22	b.
Mackintosh, \$18	b.
Sinceres, \$12	n.
Miscellaneous.	
Amusements, \$281	b.
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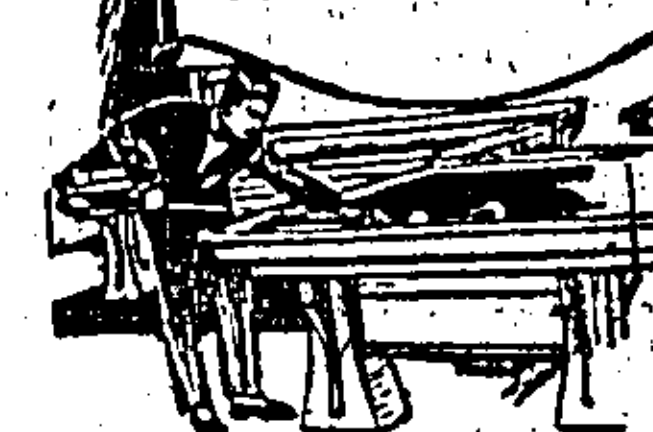
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The following official minutes of the last annual general meeting of the Shameen ratepayers have been sent us for publication:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers of the British Concession, Shameen, held at H. B. M. Consulate-General on Thursday, February 27th, 1930 at 5.30 p.m.

Chairman.—The first business on the agenda is to confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers held on Thursday, February 28th, 1929. I understand that these Minutes have been printed and distributed to all Ratepayers and with your permission I propose to take them as read.

Mr. Spalinger.—I beg to second it.

Chairman.—It is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Spalinger that the Minutes of the last annual General Meeting of Ratepayers held on February 28th, 1929, be confirmed. Will all those in favour signify in the usual way? Contrary minded?

The Resolution is carried.

Report and Accounts.

The second item is to pass the Report and Accounts for 1929 and I will ask the Chairman of the Council to address you on the subject.

Mr. Batchelor.—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, The Municipal Report and Accounts have been in your hands for the prescribed period and need I think but little comment from me.

I am, however, glad to say that the Municipal year once again passed without any untoward disturbances, and although at the latter end of last year Canton was threatened by the Neighbouring province of Kwangsi, the Nationalist forces were sufficient to counter this menace, and the city was saved the ravages of war. Peace and good order in the city naturally had its good effect on Shameen, and I am pleased to report that crime was a negligible quantity. Your Council throughout the year worked in complete harmony with the City Officials, and obtained every assistance from the City Police under the able command of General Au Yeung Kui.

Police Department.

During the early part of the year whilst Captain Clements was on leave we received through the courtesy of the Hongkong Government the services of Inspector Pain, and we are still very grateful to the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe for his kindly assistance. Captain Clements returned from home leave and resumed charge of the Police on the 1st October and as you are aware left the employ of the Council in order to take up an appointment in Singapore on the 31st January. Although every endeavour was immediately made to replace Captain Clements no one entirely suitable could be found. Having advertised in the Hongkong and Shanghai newspapers, I am glad to be able to report that an appointment will very shortly be

made for a period of six months on probation.

The police force has been kept up to strength and has shown itself to be a well balanced and disciplined force giving every satisfaction. In addition to police duties, certain members of the force have been trained in fire drill, with practices taking place at regular intervals. It will be remembered that at the last Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers the Council were empowered to buy an additional fire engine, to renew 1,000 feet of hose, and to buy additional equipment in the shape of water troughs, jumping sheets &c. It was decided to buy a Leyland Motor Fire Engine capable of throwing two jets of water to a height of 60 feet, and pumping 75 gallons of water a minute. This engine was delivered during the year and has given every satisfaction. Considering the size of the new engine, it is a splendid example of British workmanship and engineering, whilst the supplies of new hose will be sufficient for at least the next twelve months.

The Waterworks.

The waterworks have at times caused some anxiety, but with the completion of the pump at the jetty, conditions became easier. You will note from the report on Pages 2 and 3 certain figures, which speak for themselves. By making this sum pump will see that an additional 1,055,000 gallons of water were pumped from the river during the year but 794 hours pumping were saved—meaning a smaller coal bill and less overtime wages. I think you will agree this sum has proved its value and warranted the expenditure made in 1928, whilst it must also be remembered the cost of continual dredging has also been saved. The water itself was pure and wholesome, and gave every satisfaction to the Medical Officer of Health.

In addition to the Waterworks, the Public Works Department has carried out the necessary repairs to all buildings, roads, jetties etc. and all these may be said to be in a very good state of repair.

Nursing Home.

In referring to the Shameen Nursing Home, it is with very great regret that we had to say goodbye during the year to our old friend Dr. Reynolds. The Nursing Home as you know was started by Dr. Reynolds, and the many improvements you have seen there since its inception were entirely due to his energy and enthusiasm. At the last Annual Meeting of Ratepayers the Council were authorised to extend the Nursing Home, and in terms of the Resolution an additional lease was signed covering two more rooms. It is now a self contained unit, efficiently furnished, and ready to meet any emergency. In the place of Dr. Reynolds we welcome Dr. Lancaster as our Medical Officer of Health. In referring to the Nursing Home Account it will be seen that this institution, has cost Ratepayers \$4,138.27, which is still less than the figure Ratepayers guaranteed to the Canton Hospital in former days. Included in the accounts are certain capital charges, which will not appear this year; these charges were necessary to equip the additional space taken over during the year.

With regard to the accounts, I hope you will agree they are very satisfactory. Although expenditure was more than anticipated, this increase is offset by a corresponding increase in revenue, occasioned mainly by the Waterworks and Nursing Home Accounts. During the year the overdraft with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was further reduced by \$13,643.04. I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented by the Council for 1929 and after some Ratepayer has been good enough to second the Resolution, I shall be happy to answer any questions to the best of my ability.

Mr. Wm. Farmer.—I have pleasure in seconding.

Chairman.—Has anybody any question on the Report and Accounts? It is proposed by the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Batchelor, and seconded by Mr. Farmer that the Report and Accounts as presented by the Council for 1929 be adopted. Will those in favour signify in the usual manner?

(Carried).

The next item on the Agenda is to pass the Budget Estimates for 1930 which I will ask the Chairman of the Council to propose.

House and Land Tax.

Mr. Batchelor.—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, You will find the Budget Estimates on Page 5 of the Report and these I think do not call for any comments. Needless to say costs have been kept as low as possible. In view of the fact that, unlike former years, there are no special resolutions for adoption—the House Tax of 5.6280 per cent and Land Tax of 0.6956 per cent remain as printed. With your permission I would therefore propose that the Budget Estimates as printed be passed, and include Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 at the same time. Will some Ratepayer second that please?

Mr. Hill.—I shall be glad to second it.

Chairman.—It is proposed by the Chairman of the Council and seconded by Mr. Hill that the Budget Estimates for 1930 including Resolutions 1 and 2 be passed. Those in favour? Against? The Resolutions are carried.

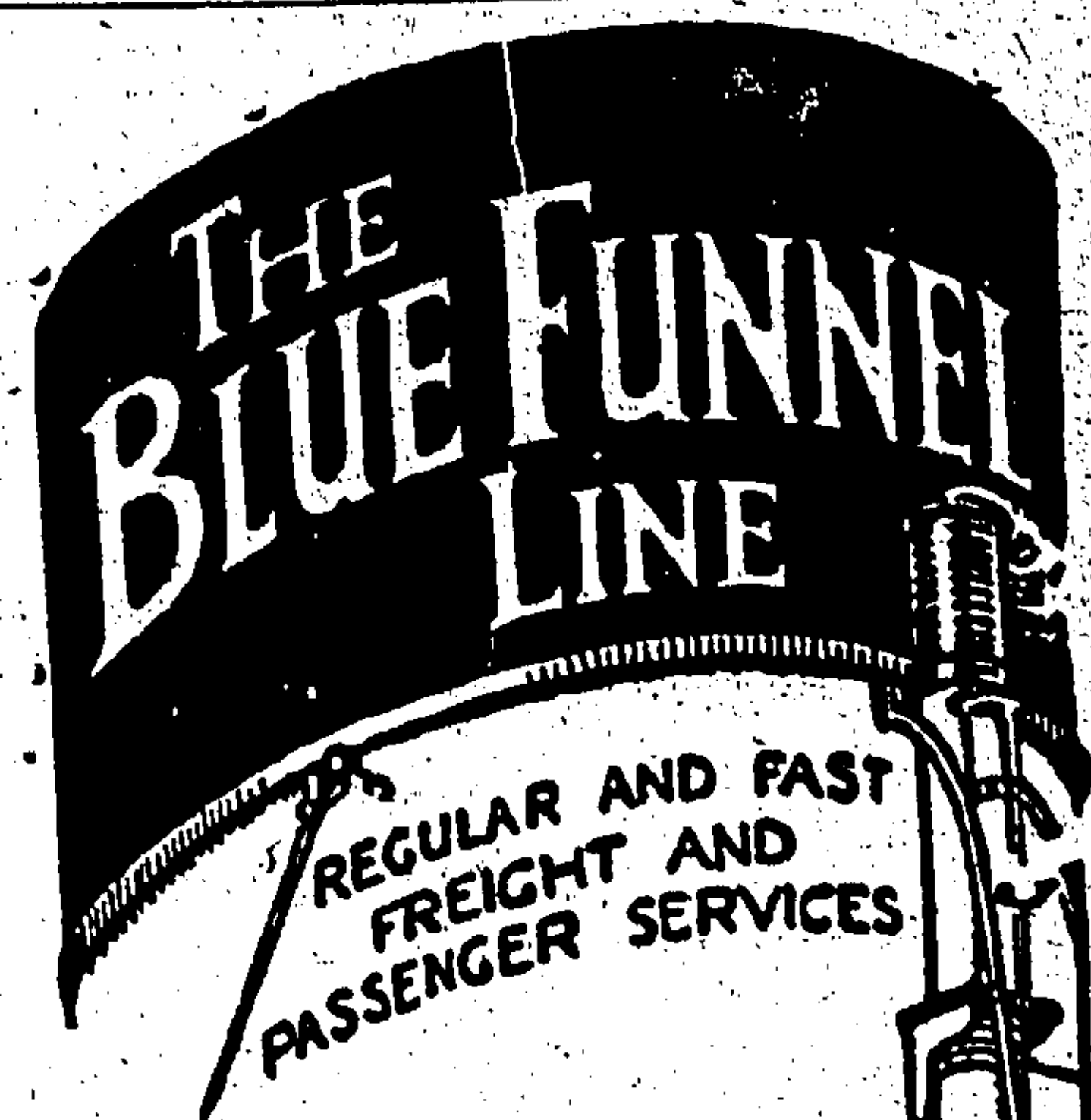
Election of Councillors.

The 4th item on the Agenda is the election of the Municipal Councillors. The following list of duly qualified Ratepayers proposed by Mr. Annett and seconded by Mr. Kitching has been exhibited on the Notice Board of the Consulate-General since February 1st and as there are no other candidates they are necessarily elected and I hereby declare them duly elected. The names are: Mr. R. K. Batchelor, Mr. E. R. Hill, Mr. T. M. Knott, Mr. J. M. Walker, and Mr. G. M. D. D. Wolf. There are now a series of other resolutions to be put by the Chairman of the Council.

Godowns and Licences.

Mr. Batchelor.—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, The resolutions are as printed on pages 5 and 6 and these deal with the Godown Tax and Licences etc., and are all exactly the same as those passed last year. With your permission I would like to propose that we take them all together, namely Resolution 3 Godown Tax, Resolution 4 Licences, 5 Charges for water, 6 meter rents, 7 the water consumed and 8 is when the Water accounts are to be paid. Will somebody second that?

Mr. Walker.—I have much pleasure in seconding that Resolution. (Continued on Page 11.)



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SHIPS COLLISION INQUIRY.

ANKING-TANDA CRASH INVESTIGATED.

EXTRAORDINARY CONFUSION DUE TO FOG.

WIRELESS CROSS-TALK.

A collision which occurred in the early hours of the morning on February 26th, during dense fog, between the s.s. Anking and the s.s. Tanda was the subject of a Marine Court of Inquiry held at the Harbour Office this morning. The whole morning was taken up with the evidence of Capt. Ritchie, the master of the Anking, and he was still in the box when the Court adjourned for the tiffin interval.

The Court was composed as follows:—The Hon. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., retired (Harbour Master), Lieut. Commander L. G. Addington, R.N. (H.M.S. Tamar), Capt. Stewart (s.s. Haining), Capt. D. Lefevre (s.s. Benrooch) and Capt. A. M. Frame (s.s. Taping).

Mr. F. C. Jenkin and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. G. N. Tinson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, appeared on behalf of Capt. Pilcher, of the Tanda, and Mr. E. Davidson, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, was for Capt. R. Ritchie, of the Anking.

At the outset, Mr. Jenkin informed the Court that Capt. Pilcher was ill in bed yesterday and although he was present in Court, he did not feel well enough to give his evidence satisfactorily. He suggested that Capt. Pilcher be released until to-morrow morning.

Anking Captain's Story.

This course was decided on and the case of the Anking was taken first.

Capt. Ritchie, in the witness box, said that the Anking left Hongkong for Swatow at 5 p.m. on February 25th. From ten o'clock until 1.20 a.m. the weather was clear, but at the latter time fog came on and he was called to the bridge by the Second Officer. At 1.32, the fog became very dense and the engines were put slow. The ship had previously been travelling at about eleven knots.

Witness continued that between 1.33 and 1.34 he heard a fog signal, when the ship's speed had been reduced to between four and five knots. It was not very distinct but was half a point to a point on the port bow. Witness altered his course one point to starboard, but he heard another blast, much more distinct, which still appeared to be one point on the port bow.

Continuous Blasts.

The Anking was sounding continuous blasts, which were started when the fog became thick at 1.20 a.m., and at 1.35 a.m. the engines were stopped.

Both ships were frequently sounding fog blasts. Three minutes later the Anking's forward speed stopped and the quarter-master reported she had no steering way and that the ship's head was drifting to starboard. The Anking gave two long blasts, indicating she had stopped, and the other ship replied similarly, meaning she had also stopped.

Capt. Ritchie went on to describe how he saw the Tanda's lights looming out of the fog between 30 and 60 feet away, on a course roughly estimated to be south-west, at a speed of two or three knots.

The Collision.

Witness immediately rang the telegraph for full speed astern, thus having the effect of swinging the head further to starboard. The collision occurred at 1.40 a.m., the Tanda coming across the Anking's bows at a slight angle and appearing to swing to port, striking the Anking's glancing blow just in front of the bridge, while the Anking's bow struck the side of the Tanda.

Witness added that the Anking had sternway on by that time and drew back immediately on the impact.

He expressed the opinion that if the Anking had been going ahead she would have holed the Tanda. The Tanda disappeared in the fog and signalled by blasts that she had stopped. She then signalled with one long blast that she was under way again and witness concluded that she did not require assistance. At the time, witness said, he did not know the name of the other ship.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, witness agreed that it was a matter of only minutes between the time he heard the first fog signal and the time he sighted the lights of the Tanda looming up.

In answer to Mr. Jenkin, Capt. Ritchie said he could not remember what time the log was written up, but it must have been the next

NEW PLAYGROUND FOR KOWLOON.

GOVERNMENT ADOPTS K.R.A. SUGGESTIONS.

VOTE NOW ASKED FOR.

A vote for \$12,700 in regard to the provision of a Children's Playground in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, is to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

It is explained that a sum of \$30,000 was included in the 1929 Estimates for a playground in Kowloon and a scheme estimated at \$8,000 was submitted in May.

In June, his Excellency directed that the matter be referred to the Playing Fields Committee, and in September, that the area should be reserved for future Government uses, but that in the meantime it should be used as a garden and open space. The cost of laying out the area was then estimated at \$10,000.

Certain features were included to meet the suggestions of the Kowloon Residents' Association which increased the estimate to \$13,950.74 of which \$1,250.74 was expended in December, 1929.

This work has been approved and as there is no sum provided in this year's Estimates, a vote (\$12,700) is requested.

LATEST WATER STATISTICS.

FURTHER DECREASES IN SUPPLY.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 10th March, amounted to 872.86 million gallons, showing a decrease of 42.24 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 4.47 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 46.71 million gallons.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 10th March, amounted to 388.38 million gallons, showing a decrease of 3.76 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 24.89 million gallons, not including 2.15 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 23.28 million gallons.

morning before breakfast. The times given in the official log were taken from those in the rough log, which was kept on deck.

According to the official log, witness heard a signal at 1.32 a.m. at which time the engines of the Anking were going dead slow, but Mr. Jenkin pointed out that witness had just told the Court that he (witness) ordered the ship to go dead slow at 1.32 a.m. and at 1.43 a.m. he heard a signal for the first time. Capt. Ritchie answered that he was in a hurry when he wrote up the log. He had just returned from the bridge. He had heard the Second Officer say that the engines were put to slow at 1.32 and the ship was going slow when the signal was heard about a minute and a half later. Witness added that the official log was written by him.

As far as witness knew, there was only one ship in the vicinity, and he heard no other sounding fog-signals. When he saw the lights of the Tanda looming up about 60 feet away appearing to be heading S.S.W. he immediately rang the telegraph for "hard astern," and that could be done in half a minute if the engineers were smart.

Witness said at the time of the collision, the Anking had no headway but the Tanda was going at about two or three knots, with a swing to starboard. In such a collision as the one concerned, it was witness' opinion that the Tanda could not have been damaged more than a bent plate.

Five Messages.

Mr. Jenkin said that from 1.44 to 2.15, no less than five messages were sent out by the Tanda to find out the name of the other ship in collision. At 2.16 a.m., a Japanese ship called the "Sungshan Maru" answered, saying that she thought she had been in collision at 2.16 and between that time and 2.59 many messages passed between the Sungshan Maru and the Tanda, each inquiring about the plight of the other.

Amazing Reply.

At 8.43 a.m. the Tanda happened to intercept a message from the owner to the Anking. At 8.53, the Tanda sent out a message to the Anking "Were you in collision at Pedro Blanco?" but received the amazing reply "Sorry. Know nothing about it."

Repeated attempts were then again made by the Tanda to communicate with the Anking, but without result.

The case is proceeding.

GANDHI PERSISTS IN FOLLY.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE EXHORTATION.

GOVERNMENT TAKES FIRST STEP AT BARODA.

DEPENDABLE TROOPS.

Poona, Mar. 11.

Rather significant action has been taken by the military authorities in India, doubtless having some relation to the threatened commencement of the civil disobedience campaign inspired by Gandhi to-morrow.

The 11th Sikh Regiment, of the Indian Regular Army, is under orders to proceed to Baroda on March 17, to relieve the 4th Bombay Grenadiers, of the Indian Territorial Forces, recruited from Baroda.

The 4th Bombay Grenadiers are to be disbanded.

On Gandhi's Route.

It is noteworthy that Baroda is on the direct route of the march to the sea of Gandhi's civil disobedience volunteers. The members of the 4th Bombay Grenadiers do not belong to the hereditary military classes.

Meanwhile, a message from Ahmedabad, Gandhi's present headquarters, states that Gandhi has addressed a large meeting on the eve of the civil disobedience march.

In the course of his speech, Gandhi suggested that co-operators in the campaign of civil disobedience, in addition to manufacturing salt in defiance of the Salt Laws, should also remove salt without paying the required duties thereon.

Others might co-operate by distributing the salt thus "illegally" manufactured or removed without paying duty.

The courageous, he added, could refuse to pay their taxes.

Preserve the Peace.

He exhorted the people of Gujarat to continue the programme of marching to Jalalpur in order to recover salt from the sea, and thus uphold the doctrine of civil disobedience.

Even if he and his party are arrested, he asked the people of India to preserve the peace and to carry out the instructions of the Working Committee of Congress.

He concluded that his supporters could not be defeated until they gave up truth.

He prayed "for the success of the battle beginning to-morrow."

"Reception" Group.

A message from Surat states that a number of Congress workers have gone to Dandi in Jalalpur, in order to prepare for the arrival of the civil disobedients.—*Reuter.*

Gandhi starts his civil disobedience campaign in India to-day, and it is safe to assume that the country is in a state of anxious expectancy. The Government of India has given no indication of the course of action it proposes to take in the event of Gandhi proceeding with his madness, which, of course, is inevitable.

Later. Gandhi, heading the pioneer band of civil resisters, has departed on the hundred mile march to the Gulf of Cambay.—*Reuter.*

Calcutta, Mar. 11.

There are now thirty-five thousand mill-bands on strike in the Titagur area. Several policemen and strikers were injured in a fracas which occurred following an attempt by the strikers to storm the police station.—*Reuter.*

NEW PRESIDENT OF REICHSBANK.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT NOMINEE ELECTED.

Berlin, Mar. 11.

Dr. Luther, former Chancellor of the Reichstag, has been unanimously elected President of the Reichsbank in succession to Dr. Schacht, who resigned before his contract expired because of his opposition to the Young Plan as amended at the Hague Conference. Dr. Luther was the nominee of the Government.—*Reuter.*

London, Mar. 11.

Their Majesties the King and Queen visited the London Hospital this afternoon and made a lengthy tour of the wards and the operating theatres. They had many little talks with the patients.

This was the first visit which the King has paid to the hospital since his illness. Their Majesties both take a keen interest in the work of hospitals.—*British Wire- less.*

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